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REPORT

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1867.

WOONSOCKET:
S. S. FOSS, PRINTER, PATRIOT OFFICE.
1867.

REPORT.

Town Grant for refunding money subscribed for Soldiers' Bounties,	$3,100 00
For Schools,	1,400 00
Bridges and Railings,	300 00
Town Expenses,	2,000 00
State Tax,	1,620 00
County Tax,	403 59
Overlayings,	144 69
	$8,968 28

TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, Dr.

Balance in Treasury at last settlement,	$1,298 06
Received of Whipple O. Chilson, Collector for 1864, in full,	355 23
" Andrew A. Bates, " 1865, "	658 29
" " " " 1866,	7,845 30
Borrowed on thirteen Notes,	5,607 57
Received for State Aid advanced 1864,	389 00
Cash refunded on Pauper Account,	37 00
Received from State School Fund,	117 30
From State Aid paid out 1865,	1,250 00
Pedlar's License,	6 00
Town House,	42 00
Old Stove,	1 00
Amount received,	$17,606 75

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, Cr.

Paid State Aid,	$1,619 11
On Town Notes,	5,562 00
Interest on Town Notes,	705 89
Balance of Discount allowed on Taxes, 1864,	6 57
State Tax, 1866,	1,620 00

Paid A. A. Bates, County Tax Receipt, 1866,		403 59
Abated Taxes credited Collectors,		187 28
A. A. Bates, Collecting Taxes, 1865,		50 00
One hundred and fifty-three Orders for Military Subscription refunded,		3,013 05
For W. W. Scott at Reform School,		31 25
N. A. Cook, for Records at Dedham,		1 00
U. S. Revenue Stamps,		5 56
Postage and Stationery,		3 15
Expenses in settling with State Treasurer,		2 45
Railroad Expenses to E. Douglas for money,		2 20
Eighty-three Orders of Selectmen,		3,364 58
		$16,577 68
Balance in Treasury,		$1,029 07
Now due the Treasury from A. A. Bates, Collector for 1866,	$1,132 88	
From the Commonwealth for State Aid for 1865,	53 52	
From the Corporation Tax,	3 10	
From the Commonwealth for State Aid paid in 1866,	1,507 11	$2,696 61
In and due the Treasury, February 20, 1867,		$3,725 68
There is due from the Town on sundry Notes,	$10,405 57	
Interest due on the above, March 1st, 1867,	489 67	
		$10,895 24

DISBURSEMENT,

For Schooling, from March 1st, 1866 to February 20th, 1867, $1,592 08

TOWN OFFICERS.

Reuel F. Thayer, services as Town Clerk, 1865,	$35 85
Joseph T. Massey, " Town Treasurer, 1865,	56 00

SELECTMEN.

Daniel J. Pickering, services as Selectman, 1865,	$50 00	
Alanson Bates, " " "	30 30	
Benjamin W. Woodbury, " " "	31 75	
		$112 05

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Ellis Bullard, services and expenses as Overseer, 1865,	$35 67	
Charles Partridge, " " " "	7 00	
Horace Rockwood, " " " "	25 71	
		$68 38

TOWN'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Joseph T. Massey, services as School Committee, 1865,	$46 13	
George Nelson, " " " "	52 14	
		$98 27
James P. Thayer, services as Constable, 1865,		32 50
" " " Liquor Agent,		40 00
Whipple O. Chilson, as Collector for 1864,		29 00
A. A. Bates, " 1865,		50 00

ASSESSORS FOR 1866.

Amos H. Holbrook, services and stationery,	$45 33	
George F. Wales, "	28 00	
Martin Rockwood, "	24 00	
		$97 33

REPAIRING OF BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Daniel J. Pickering, Labor and Materials, bill, 1866,	$48 26	
Amos H. Holbrook, " " "	36 00	
Nathan A. Cook, " " "	36 24	
George Nelson 2d, Iron Work " "	12 53	
Cash paid for one cask Spikes,	7 31	
		$140 35

SHOVELING SNOW.

Elisha Sherman, as Surveyor,	$39 76	
Seneca Burr, "	30 04	
Silas Hixon, "	10 53	
Pelatiah S. Bates, "	15 57	
Willard M. Chilson, "	43 52	
Sylvanus H. White, "	12 69	
Savel Metcalf, "	30 51	
		$182 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Calvin Fairbanks, for repairing Guide Boards,	$3 87	
C. H. Dean, as Attorney, for damages done to Child,	45 00	
S. S. Foss, Printing School Report,	8 00	
B. H. Guild, for Damages,	7 00	
William Grant, for repairing Road as per order,	17 58	
M. Harris, for Stove and Funnel,	15 00	
		$96 45

SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM POOR FARM.

Ezra Pierson, taking care of Ellen J. Scott,	$80 00	
" " " "	45 00	
Town of Medway, " " "	28 00	
Dr. A. Gale, Medical Attendance "	69 50	
Dr. G. Nelson, " "	10 00	
Sexton for Burial "	2 00	
		$234 50
Support of Child,		37 00
Whole Expense for Support,		$271 50

Whole number of persons at Alms House, aside from transient persons,		7 00
Average number supported during the year,		4 1-2
Twenty-five transient persons lodged and victualled at Alms House, at a cost of		$18 75
Cost of Support for each person at Alms House, excluding transient persons, per year,	$221 18	
Per week,	4 25 3-10	

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT TOWN FARM.

Paid Dr. George Nelson for Medical Attendance,	$17 75
Dr. Russell " "	10 00
Arnold Aldrich, for Labor at Farm,	299 03
George A. White, for Cutting Wood,	27 00
" " " "	25 32
Loring Adams, " "	7 75
J. Wilson, " "	2 50
Joseph Thompson, " "	6 00
Other Labor, " "	4 44
Labor on the Farm, exclusive of the Master and Mistress, the present year,	122 25
Coffin for Mr. Bosworth,	13 00
Samuel A. Adams as Sexton,	3 00
Tolling Bell for Deaths,	1 50
Daniel J. Pickering for Labor,	1 00
Blacksmith's Bill,	15 43
Repairing Wagon and Harness,	2 60
A. & J. M. Drake, Saw Bill,	16 24
For Locks, Tie Chains and Axe,	2 76
Set Dry Measures, Ropes, &c.,	2 00
Use of Fan Mill and Plow,	1 50
Scythes, Scythe Stick and Whetstones,	3 80
Shovels, Baskets, &c.,	5 33
One Plow,	14 00
Smoking Ham,	1 76
500 lbs. Ground Plaster,	2 75
Killing Hogs, &c.,	2 00
6 Pigs,	22 00
S. D. Angell for Store Goods, as per bill,	23 69
6 bbls. Flour,	97 00
54 Bags Corn Meal and Feed,	98 92
19 lbs. Tea,	23 44
Sugar,	21 68
30 3-4 lbs. Lard,	7 45
Fresh Beef,	61 54
Salt and Fresh Fish,	11 17
8 gallons Kerosene,	6 49
22 1-2 gallons Molasses,	17 84
9 lbs. Saleratus,	1 34

8 lbs. Coffee,	$2 78
Tobacco,	7 80
Snuff,	2 00
9 lbs. Rice,	1 26
7 lbs. Raisins,	1 80
Shoes,	7 85
Grass Seed,	11 40
Bar Soap,	1 22
Salt,	5 37
4 bushels Oats,	3 20
Crackers,	3 75
Spices,	3 00
Potash and Lime,	2 50
100 1-2 yards Sheeting,	24 85
Prints, Cloths, Thread, &c.,	14 35
Miscellaneous,	16 82
	$1,113 22

ARTICLES SOLD OFF TOWN FARM, &c.

Received of A. Aldrich, for loss of time,		$5 00
400 lbs. Meadow Hay,		2 00
2 Fowls,		1 25
16 3-4 dozen Eggs,		5 76
22 bushels Potatoes,		18 20
2 Calves and Calf Skin,		23 65
370 1-2 lbs. fresh and salt Pork,		54 29
235 " Butter,		93 16
Rye Straw,		6 13
Straw Braid,		11 00
" 1865,		5 50
Milk, "		2 56
Half bushel Beets,		50
Labor performed away from Poor Farm,		20 46
		$249 46
Amount received for Wood sold 1866,	397 06	
" " Chestnut Poles, Lumber,	29 73	
		$426 79
3318 feet of Chestnut Boards sold to Theodore Bemis, unpaid for,	$79 63	
One stick of Timber to H. Metcalf,		
2450 feet Chestnut Plank, used for Bridges for the Town, of the value of	$42 87	
Poles for Railings,	6 00	
	$48 87	

PRODUCE, &c., AT FARM, FEBRUARY 16, 1867.

30 bushels Corn,	36 00
10 " Rye,	12 50
3 " Barley,	3 75
10 " Oats,	6 00
2 1-2 " Beans,	7 00
135 " Potatoes,	75 00
6 " Roots,	3 00
2 " Meal,	2 50
325 lbs. Salt Pork, *a* 16,	52 00
220 " Bacon,	40 00
50 " Beef,	8 00
30 " Butter,	11 10
40 " Lard,	8 00
10 " Sausages,	1 80
2 " Tea,	2 50
5 " Dried Apples,	1 00
21 " Fowls,	14 00
1 bbl. Flour,	15 00
Spices,	1 00
4 gallons Molasses,	2 80
Sugar,	50
	$303 45

APPRAISAL OF FARM STOCK,

Hay, Farming Tools, &c., exclusive of Household Goods.

1 yoke Oxen,	$250 00
1 Horse,	20 00
4 Cows,	180 00
6 Pigs,	30 00
[illegible] English Hay,	150 00
4 " Meadow Hay,	48 00
Husks, Straw and Stover,	35 00
4 Plows,	20 00
4 Ox Yokes,	10 00
Wagon Harness,	3 00
Ox Wagon,	35 00
" Cart,	45 00
Horse Wagon,	10 00
Farm "	40 00
Ox Sled,	6 00
Sleigh,	3 00
Harrow and Cultivator,	8 00
20 lbs. Nails,	2 00
	$895 00

REPAIRING BUILDINGS AT TOWN FARM.

16,000 shaved Cedar Shingles,	$112 00
119 lbs. Nails,	11 88
Pine Lumber,	1 50
17 rolls Paper,	2 11
Hired Labor for Shingling House,	15 00
Ellis Bullard, for Paints and Labor,	11 24
" " " 1865,	2 74
	$156 47

LIQUOR AGENCY REPORT.

Dr.

Stock on hand at last Settlement,	$ 10 48	
Amount paid for Liquors and Express,	224 88	
U. S. License,	25 00	
	$260 36	
Cr.		
Amount of Liquor sold,	283 97	
	23 61	
Amount of Liquor on hand,	3 38	
Profit,	$26 99	
Barrels, Jugs and Measures on hand,	9 90	

RECAPITULATION.

Amount paid for Schooling, 1866–7,		$1,592 08
" Town Officers for 1865,		522 05
" Master and Mistress at Almshouse for 1865–6,		299 03
" Cutting Wood and Timber for 1865–6,		73 01
" Assessors 1866,		97 33
" ~~Sawing Lumber~~,		~~16 24~~
" Miscellaneous,		96 45
" Shoveling Snow,		182 62
" Repairing Town Buildings at Farm,		156 47
" Saw Bill to A. B. & J. M. Drake,		16 24
" Repairing Bridges and Railings,		140 35
" Support of Poor away from Almshouse,		271 50
" Collecting Taxes for 1865,		50 00
" Supplies and Tools at Almshouse,	$724 94	
Amount received for Produce sold, &c.,	249 46	
	$475 48	
Am't rec'd for Wood and Timber sold and paid for,	426 79	
		48 69
" Lumber sold, unpaid for,	79 63	$3,562 06

SAVEL METCALF, *Auditor.*

BELLINGHAM, February 18th, 1867.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1869.

S. S. FOSS, PRINTER,
PATRIOT STEAM PRINTING HOUSE, MAIN STREET,
WOONSOCKET, R. I.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For 1868-9.

Town of Bellingham in account with J. T. Massey, Treasurer.

Cr.		
By balance in Treasury at settlement, Feb. 22nd, 1868,	$1,528 43	
Received of S. Burr, Collector for 1867, in full, for Tax Bills,	1,602 33	
S. Burr, Collector for 1867, interest on Taxes,	120 70	
A. A. Bates, Collector for 1868,	5,858 12	
J. P. Thayer, Liquor Agent,	47 50	
State Treasurer, for State Aid,	1,125 71	
State Treasurer for Cor. Tax,	13 25	
State Treasurer from School Fund,	123 50	
Borrowed by renewal of Notes,	350 00	
Borrowed in anticipation of Taxes,	250 00	
Rents of Town House,	24 00	
		$11,043 54
Dr.		
To Cash paid on 92 Selectmen's Orders,	$3,659 24	
Paid interest on Notes,	688 41	
Paid on Notes,	1,612 62	
Abated Taxes on S. Burr's list,	14 26	
Abated Taxes on A. A. Bates's list,	27 76	
County Tax credited to A. A. Bates,	456 85	
State Tax,	1,080 00	
State Nautical School for Wm. McKinney,	26 00	
Glazing and repairs on Town House,	1 16	
Settees for Town House,	30 20	
U. S. Revenue Stamps,	1 90	
Postage and Stationery,	2 00	
Paid State Aid to March 1st, 1869,	756 60	8,357 00
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1869,		$2,686 54

Due from A. A. Bates, Collector for 1868.		411 83
Commonwealth for State Aid,		1,078 22
Due by the Town on Treasurer's Notes.	$9,117 76	
Interest to May 1st, 1869,	469 68	
Amount due on Notes,	$9,587 44	

The Selectmen submit the following Report of the Expenditures of the Town for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1869 :

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Paid R. F. Thayer, Town Clerk,	$30 40	$80 40
J. T. Massey, Town Treasurer,	50 00	
D. J. Pickering, Selectman,	30 00	
A. H. Holbrook, "	25 00	
G. F. Wales, "	20 00	75 00
M. Rockwood, Overseer of the Poor,	36 50	
Horace Rockwood, " " "	24 50	
Ellis Bullard, " " "	14 75	75 75
G. N. Townsend, School Committee,	52 50	
J. T. Massey, " "	51 00	103 50
N. A. Cook, Auditor,	4 00	4 00
Seneca Burr, Collector,	50 00	50 00
James P. Thayer, Constable,	18 00	18 00
James P. Thayer, Liquor Agent,	30 59	30 59
A. H. Holbrook, Assessor, 1868	30 50	
R. F. Thayer, " "	24 00	
G. F. Wales, " "	21 00	75 50
		$512 74

FOR REPAIRS FOR BRIDGES AND BUILDINGS.

Paid John N. Rhodes, bridge near the house

of O. Chilson,	$27 08	80
Paid L. A. Chilson, bridge near the house of Anson Cook,	12 75	
G. W. Googans, for Railing poles,	17 75	
C. Fairbanks, bridge near Caryville,	9 33	$66 91

FOR REPAIR OF ROADS.

Paid J. N. Rhodes,	51 00	
C. Fairbanks,	53 04	
A. H. Holbrook,	40 30	
Harvey Grant,	62 20	
D. J. Pickering,	4 85	
W. O. Rhodes,	11 50	
A. A. Bates,	160 00	
J. N. Rhodes,	8 00	
L. A. Chilson,	15 56	$406 45

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	$196 10	
2,	75 00	
3,	169 50	
4,	183 66	
5,	242 77	
6,	175 00	
7,	131 25	
8,	170 25	
9,	78 00	$1,421 53
For the Support of the Poor,	400 00	$400 00

FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. Fairbanks,	$12 52	
S. Adams,	12 96	
V. B. Rockwood,	19 61	
L. A. Chilson,	22 25	
H. P. Young,	9 40	
R. F. Thayer,	20 54	
S. B. Smith,	32 49	
D. J. Pickering,	6 68	
A. Keach,	4 79	
N. A. Oook,	25 32	
E. M. Scott,	21 47	

Paid A. Cook,	15 16	
O. Chilson,	30 78	
H. Grant,	22 86	
A. S. Burr,	7 56	
Seth Wight,	13 81	
H. Thayer,	5 50	
G. A. Crooks,	17 28	
C. Partridge,	6 58	
S. Metcalf,	7 56	
A. A. Bates,	16 81	
W. Lazell,	4 68	
J. O. Wilcox,	32 47	
G. F. Wales,	7 74	
E. B. Jillson,	25 98	
S. H. White,	2 16	
A. H. Holbrook,	14 13	
G. Nelson. 2d,	9 56	
F. D. J. Barney.	12 90	$441 55

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Paid S. S. Foss, Printing Town Reports,	$27 00	
Joel Crooks, by vote of Town,	2 00	
James F. Brooks, Scrapers and Freight,	96 03	
J. T. Massey, for finishing off Town Office,	113 20	
J. T. Massey, care of Town Hall, and expenses of Town House,	14 28	
G. W. Stacy, Printing,	4 50	
A. H. Holbrook, cash paid for watching Town House,	30 00	
F. M. Smith, Detective Services,	105 00	
D. Lawrence, boarding Detectives,	5 55	
J. P. Thayer, " "	12 50	$410 06

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Town Officers,	$512 74	
Bridges and Railing,	66 91	
Repairing Roads,	406 45	
Schooling,	1421 53	
Support of Poor,	400 00	
Breaking Roads,	441 55	
Miscellaneous items,	410 06	$3,659 24

The Selectmen make further report of the indebtedness of the Town, so far as known to them, as follows :

There will be due the Schools, by estimation,	$210 00	
Due Town Officers by vote of Town,	263 00	
Due on all other Bills, by estimation,	50 00	
Amount due on Notes and Interest,	9,587 44	$10,110 44

The available assets to meet the liabilities, so far as known te the Selectmen, are as follows :

Taxes uncollected,	$411 83	
Cash in Treasury,	2,686 54	
Due from the State for State Aid,	1,078 22	
		$4,176 59
Leaving an indebtedness against the Town of		$5,933 85

All of which is submitted,

A. H. HOLBROOK,
J. N. RHODES,
CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Bellingham, March 1st, 1869.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

	Dr.	
Cash received for Liquor sold from Feb. 20th to May 1st, 1868,	$24 11	
Two Casks,	2 00	
On hand at last settlement,	47 50	$73 61
	Cr.	
Cash paid for Liquor,	$11 70	
Liquor on hand at last settlement,	5 00	
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	47 50	$64 20
Profit,		$9 41
Agent's Salary for year ending May 1st, 1868,	$40 00	
Balance Due,	30 59	$30 59
		$40 00

THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report of their doings for the year ending Feb. 19th, 1869 :

Inventory at the Almshouse. Feb. 19, 1869 :

1 horse,	$100 00	
1 yoke of oxen,	250 00	
3 cows,	170 00	
1 heifer,	35 00	
1 swine,	30 00	
31 fowls and 2 turkeys,	30 00	
11 tons English hay,	210 00	
3 tons meadow hay,	24 00	
4 bushels rye,	8 00	
1 1-2 bushels meal,	2 75	
1 1-2 bushels barley,	2 00	
1-3 barrel flour,	4 50	
12 pounds dried apple,	1 75	
100 bushels potatoes,	80 00	
350 lbs. salt pork,	75 00	
260 " hams and shoulders.	46 00	
100 " beef,	14 00	
40 " sausages,	8 00	
30 " butter,	14 00	
20 " lard,	5 00	
15 lbs. tallow,	2 00	
Farming tools,	275 00	
		$1,387 00

6 cords of wood cut at door,
1 " " " not cut,
10 " " " cut for market,

RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

Cash received of Town Treasurer,	400 00
E. Balcom,	55 75
88 Rail Road Sleepers,	44 00
S. A. Williams for Lumber,	3 94
H. Rockwood, for Lumber,	1 25
L. Cook, for Cow,	50 00
Orin Chilson, for Cow,	68 20

Cash received of Orin Chilson for Cow Hide,	$4 77	
D. J. Pickering, guardian for Mrs. Spear,	80 00	
Clinton Puffer, for Lumber,	66 60	
Labor done off the Farm,	60 37	
Wood sold,	282 62	
20 bushels potatoes,	30 84	
5 calves,	81 18	
1 cow,	40 00	
E. Balcome, keeping colt,	52 00	
61 lbs. poultry,	13 38	
48 dozen eggs,	15 05	
18 qrts. beans and 20 ears corn,	4 40	
94 lbs butter,	39 12	
		$1,393 47

EXPENDITURES AT THE FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1869.

Paid for 7 bbls. flour,	$106 75
21 bags of meal,	53 95
2 1-2 bushels corn,	3 30
40 gallons molasses,	32 40
Sugar,	16 50
14 1-2 lbs. Tea,	15 85
Spices,	2 52
Salaratus and cream tartar.	3 00
8 1-2 lbs. lard,	3 35
Salt,	5 10
121 lbs. salt pork,	21 15
142 lbs. fish,	14 17
Dried apple,	3 00
7 1-2 gallons oil,	5 27
Fresh meat,	75
Tobacco and snuff.	8 30
Soap,	6 75
Vinegar,	4 95
Cotton cloth and prints,	13 26
1 shawl,	5 50
Shoes and socks,	16 40
Oats and grass seed,	15 75
Crockery,	1 65
Brooms and combs,	1 45
House paper,	2 00

Lime and brush,	1 40	
Hat and mittens,	2 00	
Farming tools and repairs,	8 22	
Mowing machine,	111 00	
Sundries,	7 20	$492 92

PAID FOR LABOR.

Paid to E. Balcom, services at Farm,	$325 00	
S. Stone, for hewing sleepers,	6 02	
L. A. Williams, cutting wood,	60 65	
N. H. Cook, for labor,	10 00	
C. Drake, " "	2 20	
A. O. Ware, " "	2 21	
		$406 08

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Paid for R. F. Thayer's store bill,	$22 49	
2 heifers,	65 50	
A. B. & J. M. Drake's saw bill,	29 86	
G. Nelson, blacksmith bill,	18 28	
Burial expenses, Mrs. Adams,	11 10	
Moving Mrs. Spear,	3 50	
1 swine,	24 00	
Measuring wood,	4 75	
Dr. Russell's bill,	3 00	
Dr. Fay's, "	7 00	
Dr. Nelson, "	13 00	
		$202 48

EXPENSES OF PROVIDING FOR POOR AWAY FROM ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Town of Holliston for Hannah Hixon,	$30 00
Edward Welch,	2 52
Expenses George A. Hixon, Worcester Hospital,	50 50
Cynthia Hixon, Worcester Hospital,	13 00

For Lizzie Scott,	7 00	
Expenses of Amy Hill,	38 09	$141 11

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Supplies.	$492 92	
Labor,	406 08	
Miscellaneous items,	202 48	
Paupers away from Farm,	141 11	$1242 59
Receipts of the Overseers,	$1,393 47	
Payments of the Overseers,	1,242 59	
Balance due the Town,	$150 88	
Balance due the Town for lumber sold,	151 04	
Balance due the Town by Overseers,	$301 92	

Whole number of persons supported at the Farm the past year was 9.
Average number supported during the year was 7 4-5 persons.
There will be due the towns of Holliston and Peabody, small bills.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
WILLARD B. SCOTT,
SETH WIGHT,
} Overseers of Bellingham.

Bellingham, March 1st, 1869.

Bellingham, Feb. 20th, 1869.

I have this day examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Bellingham, for the year ending February 20th, 1869, and find them properly vouched, and correctly cast.

A. H. HOLBROOK, Auditor.

REPORT

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870.

MILFORD:
J. M. STEWART, PRINTER.
1870.

REPORT.

Town Grant for Town Expenses,	$2,300 00
" " " Schools,	2,000 00
" " " Highways,	1,000 00
" " " Bridges,	200 00
" " State Tax,	1,350 00
" " County Tax,	456 85
" Overlayings,	175 77
" Grant for School Houses,	5,215 08
	$12,697 70

The grant for School-houses was remitted to the several districts, as follows:

District No. 1,	$600 00
" " 2,	1,027 33
" " 3,	353 33
" " 4,	316 66
" " 5,	725 00
" " 6,	293 88
" " 7,	296 11
" " 8,	800 00
" " 9,	802 77
	$5,215 08

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH N. A. COOK, TREAS.

Cr.

By Amount in Treasury, March 13, 1869,	$2,686 54
" Cash received of A. A. Bates, collector for 1868,	474 48
" " " " " 1869,	6,380 80

By Cash received of State Treasurer for State Aid,		$790 60
" " " " School Fund,		137 36
" " County Treasurer, Dog Tax,		93 88
" " the several School Districts,		129 95
" " for Town House,		75 75
" Cash borrowed,		150 00
		$10,919 36

Dr.

To paid Notes and Interest,	$1,313 14	
" paid on 82 Selectmen's orders,	4,810 99	
" paid State Aid,	511 65	
" paid " Tax,	1,350 00	
" paid County Tax,	456 85	
" Lunatic Asylum,	185 20	
" Naval School Ship,	29 42	
" paid Express,	80	
" paid stove and funnel,	20 00	
" Abated Taxes,	16 35	
" A. A. Bates' salary as collector, 1868,	38 00	
" Town of Franklin for W. W. Scott,	3 70	
" Repairs on Town House,	6 29	
" Wood for Town House,	4 00	
Deed and Revenue Stamps,	1 50	
Expenses of settling State Aid account,	2 50	
	$8,750 39	$8,750 39
		$2,168 97

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

R. F. Thayer, Town Clerk,	$32 25
J. T. Massey, Treasurer,	50 00
A. H. Holbrook, Selectman,	20 00
J. N. Rhodes, "	18 00
C. Fairbanks, "	18 00
Martin Rockwood, Overseer Poor,	45 82
Willard B. Scott, "	18 00
Seth Wight, "	15 00
J. T. Massey, School Committee,	50 00

A. H. Holbrook, Auditor.	$2 00
A. A. Bates, Collector,	38 00
Seneca Burr, Constable,	5 00
R. F. Thayer, Assessor, 1869,	55 00
Savel Metcalf, "	58 00
Geo. F. Wales, "	40 00
	$465 07

REPAIRS, BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES.

School House No. 8,	$600 00
" " 6,	41 73
" " 5,	71 07
A. A. Bates, Bridge near Beaver Dam,	16 25
" " " Luther Thayer's,	7 80
J. N. Rhodes, " " Nancy Darling's,	9 00
L. A. Chilson, for railing poles,	4 95
J. N. Rhodes, " poles and posts, near H. Cook's,	8 18
C. Fairbanks, " " " and labor near S. B. Smith's,	15 97
	$774 96

REPAIR OF ROADS.

J. T. Massey, near Town House, per vote Town,	$25 00
Horace Rockwood, near his house,	4 27
Fenner Cook, near house of Nancy Darling,	25 75
D. Adams and A. A. Bates, near A. Wales,	13 96
	$68 98

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid No. 1,	$252 00
" 2,	423 87
" 3,	256 34
" 4,	244 18
" 5,	343 25
" 6,	262 00

Paid No. 7,	$62 25
" 8,	282 00
" 9,	379 52
	$2,505 41

BREAKING ROADS.

David Adams,	$5 58
A. H. Allen,	7 15
D. J. Pickering,	4 41
S. B. Smith,	4 32
	$21 46

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Orders drawn in favor Overseers of the Poor,	$394 17
" " " "	300 00
" " " "	201 15
	$895 32

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

C. Fairbanks, 100 lbs. spikes,	$5 25
G. W. Stacey, printing,	2 00
S. S. Foss, printing Town Reports,	18 00
J. C. Lovering, surveying premises of R. F. and J. P. Thayer (burnt),	12 00
R. F. Thayer, Town Record book,	2 50
J. T. Massey, books furnished past 4 years, by assessors' orders,	31 55
J. T. Massey, books furnished desks, ordered by School Committee,	26 96
S. S. Foss, printing School Reports,	11 00
H. E. Bates, wood furnished Town House,	8 00
	$117 26

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Town officers,	$465 07
Bridges and railings,	62 15
Repair of roads,	68 98

Repair of school-houses,	$712 80
Support of poor,	895 32
Breaking roads,	21 46
Miscellaneous items,	117 26
Schooling,	2,505 41
School-houses,	5,215 08
	$10,063 53

The Selectmen make further report of the indebtedness of the Town, so far as known to them, as follows: —

Due Town Officers, as per vote of Town,	$263 50	
Due on all other bills, by estimation,	50 00	
Am't due on 25 notes against the Town,	8,427 76	
Am't interest due on same, to March 1, 1870,	562 85	
		$9,304 11
Taxes uncollected,	$651 85	
Cash in treasury,	2,168 97	
Due from the State for State aid,	539 75	
		$3,360 57
Leaving an indebtedness against the Town of		$5,943 54

C. FAIRBANKS,
J. N. RHODES,
A. A. BATES,
} *Selectmen of Bellingham.*

All of which is submitted.

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 26, 1870.

The above account is correct.

J. T. MASSEY,
Auditor.

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report, for the year commencing Feb. 20, 1869, and ending Feb. 24, 1870:

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF THE FARM.

Paid for 5 bbls. flour,	$53 25
" 24 galls. molasses,	21 40
" 2½ galls. oil,	1 16

Paid for	7½ lbs. tea,	$7 40
"	salt fish,	8 17
"	8 lbs. saleratus,	1 19
"	61½ lbs. sugar,	10 00
"	cream tartar and nutmegs,	2 16
"	6 lbs. coffee,	90
"	3 lbs. rice,	35
"	6 lbs. sweet potatoes,	36
"	11 lbs. nails,	74
"	1 padlock,	20
"	files and screws,	55
"	farming tools,	17 91
"	whip lash,	20
"	1 wagon cushion,	37
"	cattle cards,	35
"	water pail, keg and barrels,	1 09
"	crockery ware,	92
"	washing machine,	5 00
"	matches,	55
"	boots, shoes and gloves,	15 50
"	stationery,	12
"	tobacco,	4 04
"	snuff,	1 73
"	garden seeds,	83
"	cabbage plants,	30
"	soap,	10 05
"	spices,	1 90
"	salt,	5 65
"	wallet and almanac,	85
"	stone jar,	1 00
"	axe and handle,	1 50
"	21¾ lbs. dried apples,	3 71
"	grass seed,	5 37
"	cotton cloth and prints,	12 00
"	handkerchief, thread, &c.,	3 69
"	50 bushels corn and meal,	56 67
"	2 bags feed,	3 65
"	glass and tinware,	10 02
"	stove grate, boiler and door,	9 17

Paid for	window sash,	$75
"	8 bushels oats,	7 20
"	tallow and scraps,	1 53
"	seed, corn and beans,	1 19
"	repair of pump,	1 65
"	threshing oats,	4 25
"	labor on farm, exclusive of supt.,	88 37
"	bed bug poison,	25
"	repair of carriages and tools,	15 09
"	repair of ox-wagon wheels,	14 75
"	Ruel N. Smith's bill,	9 41
"	measuring wood and weighing hay,	97
"	1 bbl. crackers,	4 50
"	groceries (no bill),	12 32
"	medicine,	4 00
"	fresh meat,	80
"	mouse trap,	20
"	bull and boar,	3 00
"	use of mill,	60
"	lumber,	3 85
"	clothing,	13 50
"	driving and keeping oxen,	2 30
"	9 qts. vinegar,	90
"	Rockwood's bill,	29 21
"	insurance on buildings,	29 50
"	brick,	1 00
"	Killing hogs, &c.,	2 40
"	Counsel fees,	3 00
"	2 heifers and 1 cow,	104 00
"	1 horse,	60 00
"	2 oxen,	190 00
"	Funeral expenses of Amy Hill,	22 50
"	2 oxen,	201 15
"	Edward Balcom, for labor on farm,	375 00
"	Savel Metcalf, balance on acc't,	66 76
"	Charles O. Drake, for labor,	24 37
		$1,582 24

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Paid the Town of Peabody for the support of Mrs. Sumner,	$23 70
" for use of room,	5 00
" Town of Holliston for the support of Mrs. Hixon and children, to April 13, 1869,	24 00
" D. W. Bemis, for the support of George and Mrs. Ellery Hixon,	90 30
" for stamps and stationery,	25
" for the support of George, and Mrs. Hixon, at the Lunatic Asylum,	93 90
" Town of Holliston, for the support and funeral expenses of Mrs. Hixon,	56 50
" expenses for team to Holliston twice,	4 00
" Town of Grafton, for aid to Miss Albee,	7 50
" Charles Cook, for support of Abijah Cook six weeks,	6 00
" Fisher Thayer, for care of Miss Albee,	10 00
	$321 15

CASH RECEIVED.

For 51 doz. eggs,	$16 30
" 133¼ lbs. butter,	56 85
" potatoes,	19 03
" 12 lbs. lard,	2 83
" wood,	70 58
" soap grease,	2 88
" turkeys and fowls,	15 00
" lot of bones,	5 00
" hay,	79 28
" iron and rags,	6 19
" 3 calves,	40 96
" labor off the farm,	4 37
" basket of corn,	2 00
" keeping peddler,	3 56

For 3 bushels oats,	$2 25
" 2 oxen,	262 00
" 1 cow,	46 90
" estate of Amy Hill,	8 65
" pasturing cows,	9 67
" Selectmen's order,	394 71
" on J. N. Davis & Co.'s note,	151 04
" Selectmen's order,	300 00
" " "	201 15
" goods received of E. Balcom,	31 99
" cash " "	118 79
" " in the hands of J. Southwick,	44 00
" " " " N. A. Cook,	7 41
	$1,903 39

There is now on the Farm the following property, to wit:

1 horse,	$40 00
6 cows,	250 00
4 oxen	380 00
1 shote,	25 00
12 fowls,	12 00
20 bushels corn,	25 00
7 " rye,	10 50
40 " oats,	34 00
6 tons English hay,	150 00
3 " meadow hay,	24 00
6 cwt. rye straw,	6 00
30 " oat "	12 00
4 gals. molasses,	3 72
20 lbs. butter,	8 40
35 " lard,	7 70
25 " sausage,	5 00
150 " hams,	30 00
400 " pork,	80 00
4 " dried apples,	75
⅞ barrel flour,	9 84
100 bushels potatoes,	50 00
20 " turnips,	6 67
3 " beets,	1 50

3½ " beans,	$8 75
1 cart,	40 00
1 wagon,	60 00
1 mowing machine,	75 00
Harrow and plows,	20 00
1 horse sled,	10 00
Chains and bars,	6 00
1 horse wagon,	30 00
1 ox sled,	10 00
Ox yokes,	5 00
Hoes and shovels,	2 00
Scythes and rakes,	4 00
Axes,	3 00
Harness,	10 00
Horse Blanket,	3 00
Total,	$1,458 83

11 cords dry oak wood, merchantable,	$66 00
27 " green oak wood, "	162 00
22 " " small wood,	22 00
8 " " " at door,	8 00
34 chestnut R. R. ties,	13 60
25 M. pine lumber in the log,	225 00
	$496 60

RECAPITULATION.

Amount expended for poor on Farm,	$1,582 24	
" away from Farm,	322 15	
		$1,903 39
Amount of receipts from all sources,		1,903 39

Whole No. of different persons supported at the Farm the past year was eight. Average number during the year was 7¾.

There are outstanding bills, amounting by estimation, and now due, about $60.00.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. COOK,
SAVEL METCALF,
ARMORY B. COOK,
Overseers of the Poor of Bellingham.

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 26, 1870.

I have examined the above account, and find it correct.

J. T. MASSEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1871.

WOONSOCKET
PATRIOT STEAM PRINTING HOUSE, MAIN STREET, WOONSOCKET.
1871.

REPORT.

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ASSESSMENTS.

State Tax,	$1,350 00
County Tax,	595 11

TOWN GRANT.

For Bridges and Railing,	700 00
Schools,	2,000 00
Repair of School Houses,	600 00
Fences about School Houses,	200 00
Town Charges,	2,300 00
Overlayings,	97 86
	$7,842 97

J. T. Massey, *Treasurer, in Account with Town of Bellingham.*

Dr.

To Balance in Treasury, at annual reckoning, Feb. 26, 1870,	$2,168 97
Received of A. A. Bates, Collector for 1869, in full for taxes,	651 85
do do do interest on taxes, 1869,	81 84
do do do 1870,	6,837 44
do State Treasurer for State Aid,	514 41
do do from School Fund,	163 17
do County Treasurer from Dog Licenses,	102 65
do Samuel Darling for School House No. 7,	79 50
do N. A. Cook, refunded Insurance Premium,	4 50
do Borrowed by renewal of notes,	131 49
do For Town House,	47 75
	$10,783 57

Cr.

Paid 122 Selectmen's Orders,	$5,113 61
State Tax,	1,350 00
County Tax,	595 11
Abated Taxes,	20 63
State Reform School for P. Cunningham,	14 93
Interest on Town Notes,	603 61
Town Notes,	251 49
Lamps, Fixtures, Repairs and Fuel for Town House,	22 91
Treasurer's Book,	4 25
Herrick's Town Officer,	3 00
For Stamps, Postage and Stationery,	3 00
Expressage on 9 packages of Books,	2 15
State Aid,	489 00
	$8,473 69

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

S. Metcalf, Overseer of the Poor,	$15 00
J. T. Massey, Superintendent of Schools,	75 00
S. Burr, Constable,	5 00
J. T. Massey, Auditor,	2 00
A. B. Cook, Overseer of the Poor,	28 67
A. A. Bates, Selectman,	18 00
J. N. Rhodes, do	18 00
N. A. Cook, Overseer of the Poor,	35 00
do Treasurer,	25 00
Calvin Fairbanks, Selectman,	20 00
A. H. Holbrook, Assessor,	29 00
R. F. Thayer, do	31 31
R. F. Thayer, Town Clerk,	25 35
C. F. Metcalf, Assessor,	25 00
A. A. Bates, Collector,	34 00
	$386 33

BRIDGES, RAILINGS, GUIDE-BOARDS, ETC.

J. N. Rhodes,	$33 56
Asa Pickering,	11 00
Lyman Cook,	24 38
Geo. F. Wales,	72 00
D. J. Pickering,	12 35
Pardon Crosby,	7 50
Martin Rockwood,	49 49
F. A. Sherburne,	12 00
N. Elliott,	13 61
J. M. Rhodes,	24 25
F. A. Sherburne,	4 00
M. Rockwood,	17 50
Joseph Gerstle,	7 00
P. P. Cook,	30 00
R. N. Smith,	1 22
	$319 86

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Thompson, Bigelow & Brown,	38 73
N. A. Cook,	11 35
J. T. Massey,	50 85
do School Books abated by Assessors,	10 27
	$111 20

SEXTON'S BILLS.

John Smith,	$1 05
R. N. Smith,	26 25
	27 30

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

No. 1

Merrick P. Thayer,	$2 75
Inez Sherburne,	80 00
F. A. Sherburne,	7 33

Inez Sherburne,	80 00		
do do	82 00		
E. T. Norcross,	13 50	——	$265 58
No. 2.			
S. W. Forbes,	90 00		
L. O. Hayward,	90 00		
do do	90 00		
C. H. Cutler,	24 85	——	294 85
No. 3,			
M. Rockwood,	5 00		
Ella Woodbury,	67 50		
S. C. Walling,	82 00		
M. Rockwood,	10 85		
S. C. Walling,	92 00	——	257 85
No. 4.			
E. E. Chilson,	70 00		
do do	80 00		
Warren Lazell,	11 00		
Irwin Cook,	3 00		
E. E. Chilson,	82 00	——	246 00
			1,064 28
No. 5.			
L. A Cook,	80 00		
do	144 00		
F. A. Sherburne,	18 41		
Sullivan D. Young,	5 41		
L. A. Cook,	126 25	——	374 07
No. 6.			
M. J. Rhodes,	90 00		
do	90 00		
J. O. Wilcox,	8 33		
Lettie Clark,	92 00	——	280 33
No. 8.			
E. O. Woodbury,	4 00		
M. F. Bray,	85 00		
Daniel Kimpton,	12 00		
M. F. Bray,	85 00		
N. A. Cook,	87 00	——	273 00
No. 9.			
Susan Joslin,	63 00		
F. A. Sherburne,	6 83		
Susan Joslin,	99 00		
S. B. Smith,	14 00	——	182 83
			$2,174 51
Winter School in No. 9, bill not paid,			90 00
Whole amount, including unpaid bill,			$2,264 51

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

School House No. 1. N. A. Cook	$ 48		
M. P. Thayer,	2 90		
E. T. Norcross,	24 39	—	27 77

School House No. 2. N. A. Cook		1 70	
C. H. Cutler,		9 43 —	11 13
School House No. 3. N. A. Cook,		3 37	
M. Rockwood,		8 12 —	11 49
School House No. 4. N. A. Cook,			5 40
School House No. 5. N. A. Cook,	1 57		
Dr. C. Burnham,	9 47	——	11 04
School House No. 6. Ichabod Cook's Bill,	398 69		
N. A. Cook,	12 78		
C. F. Metcalf,	22 00		
G. W. Shattuck,	139 75	——	573 22
School House No. 8. B. W. Woodbury,			67 02
School House No. 9. S. B. Smith,			105 51
Amount spent on Repairs,			$812 58

SNOW BILLS.

V. B. Rockwood,	$1 22
M. Z. Bullard (old bill),	6 84
do	15 30
David Adams,	16 40
Simeon A. Pickering,	32 89
A. H. Allen,	21 70
V. B. Rockwood,	19 80
Lewis Arnold,	11 80
F. D. J. Barney,	13 70
P. P. Cook,	7 70
Willard M. Chilson,	16 50
Geo. F. Wales,	30 20
J. N. Rhodes,	24 90
Horatio Thayer,	3 40
L. A. Chilson,	13 60
Fenner Cook,	10 40
W. I. Fisk,	5 00
John Rhodes,	2 80
Charles Partridge,	6 00
Seth Wight,	3 50
Calvin Fairbanks,	4 68
J. D. Heaton,	1 26
	$269 59

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

J. M. Stewart's Bill,	$26 50
S. Burr,	3 00
S. S. Foss for School Reports,	7 00
Rules, Rewards and Certificates, for Schools,	7 00
	$43 50

HIGHWAY DEFICIENCIES.

L. A. Chilson's Bill,	$16 69
Pardon Crosby for Culvert,	3 00
D. J. Pickering,	29 56
Asa Pickering, Surveyor,	32 10

Warren Lazell,	5 58
	$86 93

NEW ROAD ACCOUNT.

Paid H. P. Young, Auctioneer,	$4 00
Paid F. D. J. Barney,	275 00
	279 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. J. Pickering,	27 15

PAUPER BILLS.

Geo. Nelson, 2d,	25 66
Overseers of the Poor,	400 00
Martin Rockwood for Overseers,	150 00
	$575 66

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

For Town Officers,	$386 33
Schools,	2,174 51
Repairing School Houses,	812 58
Pauper Bills,	575 66
Bridges, Railings, Guide Posts, etc.	319 86
New Road,	279 00
Snow Bills,	269 59
School Book Account,	111 20
Highway Deficiencies,	86 93
Printing,	43 50
Sexton's Bills,	27 30
Miscellaneous,	27 15
	$5,113 61

The financial condition of the Town, so far as known to the Selectmen, is as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Due to Town Officers by vote of the Town,	263 50
Out-standing Bills, by estimation,	112 00
On twenty-four Notes,	8,307 76
Interest on the same by estimation,	550 00
	$9,233 26

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	$2,314 88
Uncollected Taxes, in A. A. Bates's hands,	1,005 53
Interest on the same,	50 25
Due from State for State Aid,	514 75
	$3,885 41
Amount of Indebtedness above Assets,	$5,347,85

The sum of $275 has been expended on the New Road, in anticipation of appropriations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. PICKERING,
MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
J. N. RHODES,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

The above account is properly vouched, and correctly cast.

J. T. MASSEY, Auditor.

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REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the year commencing Feb. 24, 1870, and ending Feb. 24, 1871.

Paid out by the Keeper of the Alms House :	
Five barrels Flour,	$52 00
Thirty-three gallons Molasses,	26 40
One hundred thirty-seven and a quarter pounds Sugar,	19 00
Seven and a half pounds Tea,	8 10
Fourteen pounds Coffee,	4 50
Seventy-five pounds Fish,	5 97
Sixteen three-eights pounds Mackerel,	2 56
Nineteen pounds Dried Apple,	3 18
Meat Bill,	30 56
Fifty-five bushels Meal,	61 01
Twenty and a half bushels Corn,	20 65
Three hundred thirty-eight pounds Feed,	6 73
Spices,	4 15
Salt,	3 51
Cream Tartar and Saleratus,	1 75
Crackers,	3 42
Tobacco and Snuff,	7 90
Soap,	6 42
Eight gallons Vinegar,	3 44
Boots and Shoes,	11 95
Repairing do	1 95
Five pounds Raisins,	1 22
Lemons and Mustard,	1 88
Record and Pass Books,	1 06
Axle for Wagon,	1 50
Condition Powders,	25
Grass Seed,	8 60
Sticking up boards at Mill,	4 15
Nineteen hundred pounds Hay,	23 75
Six Pigs,	29 00
Hewing Sleepers,	2 75
Pails and Tub,	1 55
Plaster and Lime,	2 00
A. L. Wight's Store Bill,	43 15
Crockery and Tin Ware,	1 93
C. O. Drake for Labor,	57 50
A. L. Wight's old bill for cutting Wood and Lumber,	96 00
D. J. Pickering for Hatchet,	1 25
Two Bolts,	28
Iron Sink and Lead Pipe,	3 25

S. S. Foss for Advertising,	3 00
Alcohol,	40
Cider Barrel,	1 25
Broom and Bed Cord,	1 00
Barrett, for cutting Wood,	37 21
Making Cider,	2 22
Window-Glass and Putty,	83
Use of Bull,	1 00
Dr. Nelson's Bill for 1869–70,	4 50
Axe and Handle,	1 55
Whip,	48
A. B. & J. M. Drake's Bill,	92 13
Use of Wagon,	90
Butchering,	4 20
Sweet Potatoes,	70
Nails and Latch,	99
Matches,	55
Three and a half gallons Kerosene Oil,	1 50
Farming Tools,	2 25
A. O. Ware's Bill,	4 08
Candles,	38
Mending Pump,	70
Dress Goods, Cutting and Making,	11 00
Cotton Cloth and Prints,	10 36
Hired Help,	24 12
George Nelson's Blacksmith Bill,	11 60
R. N. Smith's do	13 36
O. Chilson's Bill for Meat furnished O. Gardner,	90
L. Carey, for Cutting Wood,	10 00
Measuring Wood,	72
Sundries,	7 93
Paid H. M. Rockwood, on Account,	58 19
Dr. Burnham's Bill,	16 00
Cash to Inmates,	3 50
Miscellaneous,	6 20
Amount Expended on Account of Farm,	$891 97

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1871.

Received for 1 pair of Cattle,	$175 00
2 Heifers,	60 00
432 pounds of Pork,	56 16
Wood,	271 59
47 doz. Eggs,	16 73
43 lbs. Poultry,	9 71
Potatoes,	9 25
11½ bushels Oats,	10 35
4 Calves,	44 38
Timber for Bridge,	12 00
8 Chestnut Posts	6 00
of Gilbert Cook, Cash,	1 00
28 Railroad Sleepers,	15 40
Poles and Posts,	4 00
5,694 ft. 7-8 boards,	111 03

Received of	Keeping book agent,	50
	Soap Grease,	83
	Rags and Feathers,	1 06
	Cash from Mrs. Spears's clothes,	10 00
	Use of Horse,	60
	Cash from Martin Rockwood,	105 96
	90 lbs. Beef, 9 cents per lb.,	8 10
	90 lbs. Beef, 11 cents per lb.,	9 90
	Stick of Timber to Hixon,	50
	Shawl and Bible,	4 00
	140 1-2 lbs. Butter,	56 35
	Cow Hide and Tallow,	5 53
		$1005 93
	Amount of Expenditures,	891 97
		$113 96

Balance in F. A. Sherburne's hands, in part payment of salary.

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS AWAY FROM THE FARM.

Cynthia Hixon's expenses at Insane Hospital,	$156 85
Removing her Home,	3 00
Fisher Thayer's bill's for Support of E. Albee,	40 00
Harvey Bates and Family at Boston,	4 75
Expenses of looking after them,	1 00
Mrs. O. Gardner,	1 28
Taking Mrs. Green to State Alms House, etc.,	14 00
Miss E. Scott's Bill at Franklin,	1 14
Expense of going after her,	2 00
Mr. Johnson's Expenses,	2 00
Expenses on account of Martin Burk,	2 00
Geo. W. Googins for taking care of Insane Man,	2 00
	$220 02

There is now on the Farm the following property, as appraised by the Selectmen:

1 Yoke of Oxen,	$250 00
3 Cows,	130 00
1 Horse,	50 00
3 Swine,	20 00
14 Fowls,	12 00
8 tons English Hay,	200 00
3½ tons Meadow Hay,	35 00
1 ton Oat and Barley Straw,	18 00
500 pounds Rye Straw,	5 00
400 pounds Oat Fodder,	4 00
15 bushels Corn,	15 00
8 bushels Oats,	6 40
4 bushels Barley,	4 00
1 bushel Rye,	1 25
½ bushel Seed Corn,	75
1 bushel Beans,	2 50
40 bushels Potatoes,	46 00

100 pounds Salt and Fresh Beef,	12 00
300 pounds Pork,	50 00
150 pounds Bacon,	25 00
30 pounds Sausages,	6 00
70 lbs. Lard,	12 60
45 pounds Butter,	20 00
10 pounds Tallow,	1 20
½ barrel Apples,	1 00
125 pounds Dried Apple,	20 00
1½ barrels Cider,	5 00
1-2 barrel Flour, 1 gallon Molasses, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, &c.	8 05
	960 75

FARMING TOOLS.

1 Mower,	$75 00
2 Harrows, 3 Plows, 1 Cultivator,	20 00
1 Ox Wagon,	60 00
1 One Horse Farm Wagon,	20 00
1 Ox Cart,	40 00
1 One Horse Sled,	10 00
1 Ox Sled,	10 00
1 One Horse Wagon and Sleigh,	8 00
2 Draft and 5 Stake Chains and 3 Iron Bars,	6 00
3 Scythes, 4 Snaiths and 4 Axes,	6 50
4 Hand and I Drag Rake,	1 50
2 Shovels, 3 Hoes and 1 cast steel Rake,	3 00
1 Harness,	4 00
1 Horse Blanket,	2 00
4 Hay and 2 Manure Forks,	4 00
	$270 00

WOOD.

10½ Cords dry merchantable Wood,	$63 00
5 Cords cut at the door,	20 00
1 Cord uncut at the door,	2 50
5 Cords unassorted green Birch,	15 00
34 Cords merchantable Oak,	170 00
9 Cords small Oak,	12 00
377 Feet of Lumber at Farm,	6 00
	$288 50

RECAPITULATION.

Stock, Hay, Grain, etc.,	$960 75
Farming Tools,	270 00
Wood,	288 50
Lewis W. Hill's note for Lumber, due April 14, 1871,	459 31
	$1,978 56

The whole number of different persons supported at the Farm during the year is 10. Average number, 7 2-5 persons for the whole year.

Transient boarders equal to 27 1-2 days for one man.

The following are the inmates supported at the alms-house:

Julia Adams, aged 66 7-12 years; Mary Johnson, aged 55 1-3 years; Otis Scott, aged 79 10-12 years, Ellen Adams, aged 24 years; Isabella Adams, aged 6 11-12 years; Joseph Kingman, aged 77 3-12 years;—Lizzie Scott, aged 26 years; John R. Scott, aged 2 5-12; Sabra Spear, aged 69 years; John Wheeler, aged 51 years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. PICKERING,
MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
J. N. RHODES,
} Overseers of The Poor.

The above Report is properly vouched, and correctly cast.

J. T. Massey, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures,

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 27, 1872.

WOONSOCKET:
PATRIOT STEAM PRESS, PATRIOT BUILDING, S. S. FOSS, PROPRIETOR.
1872.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. T. MASSEY, *Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Bellingham.* *Dr.*

To Cash in Treasury, at last settlement, Feb. 24, 1871,	$2,309 88
" Cash of A. A. Bates, Collector for 1870, in full,	1,005 53
" Interest on Taxes for 1870,	74 05
" Cash of A. A. Bates, Collector for 1871,	7,480 50
" " State Treasurer, for State Aid,	476 00
" " " " for National Bank Tax,	152 85
" " " " from School fund,	143 20
" " County Treasurer, from Dog Tax,	97 59
" " Refunded by School Committee on Book Account,	19 44
" Cash for use of Town House,	50 80
	$11,809 84

Cr.

Paid on 117 Selectmen's Orders,	$5,824 08
State Tax,	1,350 00
County Tax,	595 11
Interest on Town Notes,	607 17
On Town Notes,	666 31
Bills voted by Town,	57 00
Westboro Reform School for Patrick Cunningham,	26 00
Abated Taxes on A. A. Bates's list for 1870,	24 24
" " " " " 1871,	52 59
Expenses to East Douglas,	2 00
U. S. Revenue Stamps,	1 00
Postage and Stationary,	2 40
State Aid,	466 00
	$9,673 90
Balance in Treasury,	$2,135 94

DISBURSEMENTS AS PER ORDERS OF SELECTMEN.

FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM HIGHWAYS.

Henry W. Pickering,	$3 70
Abner Cook,	2 80
Whipple O. Chilson,	4 60
Stillman R. Chilson,	2 60
George F. Wales,	6 40
	$20 10

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

B. W. Woodbury, Constable,	$5 00
C. Burnham, School Committee,	40 10
B. W. Woodbury, " "	24 00
N. A. Cook, " "	33 00
C. Burnham, " "	25 65
J. N Rhodes, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	33 00
J. T. Massey, Treasurer, Clerk and Auditor,	56 85
Pickering and Rockwood, Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	88 00
S. Burr, Constable,	5 00
Charles F. Metcalf, Assessor,	38 00
Calvin Fairbanks, "	38 00
J. T. Massey, Assessor and Copying Tax Books,	54 50
	$441 10

PAUPER BILLS.

F. A. Sherburne, in part of salary,	$100 00
Overseers of the Poor,	475 00
	$575 00

REPAIRING HEARSE.

William Grant, (old bill),	$175 00
	$175 00

NEW ROAD.

F. D. J. Barney,	$425 00
	$425 00

PRINTING.

Selectmen's and Overseers' Report for 1870—1,	$26 00
School Committee's Report, G. W. Stacy,	14 00
S. S. Foss, Valuation of Town and Assessment,	50 00
N. A. Cook,	2 50
G. W. Stacy,	15 00
	$107 50

BRIDGES, RAILINGS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

S. Burr, for Plank,	$3 70
Bellingham Granite Co.,	28 00
M. Rockwood, Plank and work,	29 00
D. J. Pickering,	32 75
Haratio Thayer, Sleepers,	6 00
Lewis A. Williams,	5 00
A H. Holbrook,	18 42
D. J. Pickering,	7 22
Whipple O. Chilson,	11 40
R. N. Smith,	1 20
F. A. Sherburne,	5 00
	$147 69

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE.

F. A. Sherburne, Committee,	$600 00

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Thompson, Bigelow & Brown,	$19 44

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

Whipple O. Chilson,	$111 35
Martin Rockwood,	69 50
Eliab Wight,	28 25
Asa Pickering,	74 62
Cornelius Sullivan,	20 75
N. A. Cook,	15 00
M. Y. Bullard,	25 00
R. F. Thayer,	9 00
A. H. Holbrook,	4 50
Selectmen,	300 00
J. N. Rhodes,	4 00
D. J. Pickering,	15 11
George Nelson, 2d,	1 50
Jeremiah Downing,	7 80
S. R. Chilson,	4 28
	$690 66

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

J. T. Massey, Committee,	$23 83

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

School House No. 2, E. B. Stowe,	$1 10
" " " 3, Horace Rockwood,	4 98
	$608
" " " 4, N. A. Cook,	$48 01
Ichabod Cook,	565 00
N. Elliot,	15 50
	$628 51
" " " 5 C. Burnham,	$4 15
Willie E. Thayer,	1 25
	$5 40
" " " 6, Charles F. Metcalf,	$5 25
" " " 8, B. W. Woodbury,	5 13
" " " 9, S. B. Smith,	3 40
	$13 78
Whole amount expended on School House repairs,	$653 77

SCHOOLING.

School No. 1, Eva E. Norcross (two terms),	$147 00
E. T. Norcross,	3 50
F. A. Sherburne, for Farm,	10 00
I. M. Hayward,	$74 00
	$234 50
" " 2, L. O. Hayward (three terms),	$270 00
" " 3, Lizzie M. Bliss (three terms),	$201 50
Martin Rockwood,	13 21
	$214 71
" " 4, Eliza E. Chilson,	$82 50
Mary J. Rhodes (two terms),	144 00
N. A. Cook,	8 50
	$235 00
" " 5, M. V. Scott (two terms),	$160 00
Wm. L. Sprague,	120 00
Nahum Cook,	8 50
	$288 50

School No. 6,	Hattie Allen,	$72 00
	J. E. Shepard,	170 00
	J. O. Wilcox,	24 22
		$266 22
" "	8, Ednor P. Smith (three terms),	$188 10
	B. W. Woodbury,	2 50
	J. O. Wilcox,	16 08
	E. O. Woodbury,	2 50
		$209 18
" "	9, Susie A. Joslin (for 1870),	108 00
	Susie A. Joslin (two terms),	187 85
	Ellen Clifford,	80 00
	F. A. Sherburne,	8 34
	S. B. Smith,	15 94
		$400 13
Amount for Schooling,		$2,118 24

RECAPITULATION.

Expended for Schooling,	$2,118 24
School House Repairs,	653 77
Repairing Town House,	23 83
Highways,	690 66
School Books,	19 44
Repairs on Almshouse,	600 00
Bridges and Railings,	147 69
Repairing Hearse,	1 75
Printing,	107 50
New Road,	475 00
Pauper Bills,	425 00
F. A. Sherburne,	100 00
Town Officers,	441 10
Snow Bills,	20 10
	$5,824 08

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Due on twenty-six notes,	$7,819 53
Officers' Salaries,	263 50
Interest on notes by estimation,	550 00
	$8,633 03

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	$2,135 94
Uncollected Taxes,	1,342 04
Interest due on Tax Bills,	50 00
Due from State for State Aid,	500 00
	$4,027 98

Amount of debts above assets, $4,605 05

D. J. PICKERING,
MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
WHIPPLE O. CHILSON,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above Report and find it correct.

J. T. MASSEY, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There is now at the Town Farm the following property, as appraised by the Selectmen :

1	Yoke of Oxen,	$250 00
4	Cows,	160 00
1	Horse,	60 00
3	Swine,	27 00
18	Fowls,	13 50
8	Tons English Hay,	280 00
3½	" Meadow Hay,	60 00
	Oat Straw and Corn Fodder,	5 00
30	Baskets Corn,	15 00
3	Bushels Rye,	3 00
600	lbs. Meal,	8 50
	Seed Corn,	1 25
1½	Bushels Beans,	5 00
60	Bushels Potatoes,	36 00
100	lbs. Salt Beef,	10 00
400	" " Pork,	36 00
225	" Hams and Shoulders,	22 50
40	" Sausage,	6 00
100	" Lard,	12 00
32	" Butter,	12 80
5	" Tallow,	50
50	" Dried Apple,	8 00
40	Gallons Vinegar,	12 00
⅓	bbl. Flour,	3 67
4	Gallons Molasses,	3 20
	Sugar,	1 50
	Tea and Coffee,	60
	Salt and Spices,	2 00
	Soap and Oil,	2 07
	Vegetables,	6 00
		$1,063 09

FARMING TOOLS.

	Mower,	$65 00
2	Harrows, 3 Plows and 1 Cultivator,	20 00
	Ox Wagon,	60 00
	Horse farm wagon,	15 00
	Ox Cart,	40 00
	" Sled,	6 00
	Horse Sled,	10 00
2	One Horse Wagons and 1 Sleigh,	100 00
2	Draft and 5 Stake Chains and 3 Iron Bars,	6 00
4	Scythes, 4 Snaths and three Axes,	5 00
4	Hand and 1 Drag Rake,	1 50
2	Shovels, 3 Hoes and 1 Cast Steel Rake,	2 50
1	Harness,	2 00
1	Blanket and Sircingle,	2 00
4	Hay and 2 Manure Forks,	4 00
1	Hay Cutter,	4 00
20	lbs. Nails and 4 bundles Lathes,	4 00
3	Bunches Shingles,	4 00
31	Cords merchantable wood,	170 00
4½	" small wood,	5 75
15	" green wood corded,	75 00
21	" by estimation,	94 50
9	" small wood,	9 00
3	" wood and chips at the door,	9 00
50	Chestnut Posts,	4 00
	Amount of wood,	$367 25

RECAPITULATION.

Stock, Hay, Grain, &c.,	$1,063 09
Farming Tools,	351 00
Wood and Lumber,	367 25
	$1,781 34

DUE TO THE FARM ACCOUNT.

B. H. & E. Railroad, for Sleepers,	88 00
F. D. J. Barney & Son for Wood,	50 25
Town of Hopkinton for care of M. S. Pettis,	295 00
	$2,214 59

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1872.

Cash received of Treasurer to pay bills.	$475 00
on Hill's Note,	459 31
for 31 cord hard Wood,	268 08
seven and a half cords small Wood,	22 00
One fat Cow,	55 00
Four Calves,	55 35
306 lbs. Butter,	112 49
73½ dozen Eggs,	22 24
Poultry,	8 84
4 bushels Oats,	3 60
15 " Potatoes,	17 00
589 feet box Boards,	7 06
525 lbs. Straw,	6 56
300 lbs. meadow Hay,	2 25
Keeping Pedlar,	7 50
Work with team off farm,	5 10
Soap, Grease and Rags,	2 23
20 quarts Milk,	1 00
9 lbs. Lard,	1 35
12 lbs. Meat,	1 44
3 Sled Shoes,	75
	$1,534 15
Potatoes sold by Overseers for Montcalm S. Pettis,	$9 95
Railings and work on bridge,	5 00
	$1,549 10
H. M. R.'s amount added to balance accounts,	44 96
	$1,594 06

Paid for support of M. S Pettis,	$207 45
City of Boston for Martin Burke and family,	23 25
Fisher Thayer, for support of Elizabeth Albee,	40 00
City of Worcester, for support of Harvey Bates,	5 00
Town of Spencer " " "	13 50
Town of Peabody, for Mrs. Sumner,	10 00
City of Boston, for support of Nellie Walton,	12 00
	$311 20

Paid for 4½ bbls. Flour,	$48 25
28 gallons Molasses,	21 90
171 lbs. Sugar,	22 93
11 " Tea,	11 20
8 " Coffee,	2 50
9 " Raisins,	1 90
48 Bushels Meal,	42 70
26 " Corn,	20 95
Meat bill,	29 95
241 lbs. Fine Feed,	4 86
200 " Plaster,	1 00
43¼ " Fresh and Salt Fish,	4 58
Cutting wood,	58 64
Two Cows,	105 00
New Express Wagon,	105 00
Funeral expenses of Mrs. Sabra Spears,	20 75
" " of Otis Scott,	15 00
Charles P. Johnson for labor,	78 00
Edgar A. Sherburne "	15 00
Charles O. Drake "	19 50
F. A. Sherburne, balance due for salary,	236 04
Dr. Hammond's bill to Nov. 18th, 1871,	23 75
Dr. C. Burnham's bill,	2 25
For Blacksmith's bills,	21 63
Wm. H. Wales for hewing Sleepers,	11 20
Charles Partridge & Son for labor,	3 00
For 3 Pigs,	27 00
Soap,	8 10
Salt,	3 50
7 gallons Vinegar,	2 86
Boots and Shoes,	7 80
4½ gallons Kerosene Oil,	1 78
Crackers,	4 12
Tobacco,	2 90
2 bushels Rose Potatoes,	3 50
1⅛ " Beans,	3 80
¼ gross Matches,	55
Sponge,	50
Dr. Hammonds's bill to date,	22 50
Dry Goods,	8 37
One Ox Yoke,	2 15
Butchering,	2 70
A. B. & J. M. Drake's saw bill,	5 89
Wheelwright work,	3 32

Tin Ware,	3 82
Spices,	3 04
Lemons and Mustard,	2 90
Saleratus and Cream Tartar,	1 40
Use of wagon,	95
Mending Harness,	45
One dozen Plates,	90
Use of Bull,	2 00
One barrel and 2 tubs,	62
6½ lbs. paint and brush,	2 20
Farming tools,	2 83
Two brooms and brush,	1 21
Mending Shoes,	10
Garden Seeds,	22
Whip-lash,	25
Four lbs. Rice,	48
Two " Candles,	40
Brandy and Alcohol,	1 15
Mrs. Noyes, for labor,	1 00
Two quarts Rum,	1 00
One Circingle,	1 00
Onions,	35
One Fowl,	1 00
Mittens,	70
Stove,	4 00
Use of Meat Cutter,	25
Axe Handle and Card,	44
Sage and three bottles bitters,	1 66
Window Curtains,	2 14
Almanac and filing Saw,	28
Cash to Inmates,	4 00
H. M. Rockwood,	53 61
Thread, Yarn and sundries,	7 47
Record Book, Measuring Wood, &c.,	5 34
	$1,459 28

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Receipts,	$1,594 06
" of Expenses,	1,459 28
Balance in F. A. Sherburne's hands,	$134 78

Whole number of different persons supported at Farm during the year, is 9 ; average number 4. Transient boarders, 32, equal to 21 days.

Now at Almshouse, Julia Adams, aged 67 ; Mary Johnson, 56 ; Isabella Adams, 7 ; Joseph Kingman, 78 ; M. S. Pettis, 57.

D. J. PICKERING,
MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
WHIPPLE O. CHILSON, } Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

J. T. MASSEY, Auditor.

REPORT

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FOR THE

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1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. T. Massey, Treasurer, in Account with the town of Bellingham.

	Dr.	
To Cash in Treasury at last settlement, Feb. 27, 1872,	$2135	94
Cash of F. A. Sherburne from grant for Alms House Repairs,	12	39
of F. A. Sherburne, from School House Fixtures,	2	85
of N. A. Cook, from Sale of School Books,	22	34
State Treasurer, for State Aid,	499	32
State Treasurer, from School Fund,	141	04
State Treasurer, from Corporation Tax,	9	46
Borrowed of Luther Thayer (by renewal of note)	1,000	00
Borrowed of D. Wallis, (by renewal note)	2,000	00
Borrowed of Martin Rockwood, Treasurer of Monument Association,	355	04
Refunded by Martin Rockwood,	1	70
of C. H. Cutler for Old School Furniture and Fixtures,	5	00
County Treasurer for Dog Tax,	113	46
For use of Town House,	41	50
of A. A. Bates, Collector for 1871,	1,313	75
A. A. Bates, Collector for 1872,	5,586	66
	$13,240	45

Contra.	Cr.	
By Paid State Tax,	$880	00
County Tax,	598	95
Insurance on School House No. 2,	13	00
Insurance on Town House,	26	00
On 83 Selectmen's Orders,	4,438	68
Interest on Town Notes,	594	85
Town Notes,	4,482	68
Westboro Reform School, for P. Cunningham,	26	00
U. S. Revenue Stamp,	1	00
A. A. Bates's bill for blanks by vote of Town,	3	00
State Aid,	358	00
for Wood, Locks, Lamps and Chairs for Town House,	18	50
Postage and Stationery,	2	47
Expenses out of Town on Town business,	1	80
Abated Taxes on bills for 1871,	38	08
	$11,482	33

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding School Bills by estimation,	$600 00	
Town Officers,	260 00	
Twenty-One Town Notes,	6,692 68	
Interest on " " to March 1, 1873,	356 41	—$7,909 09

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	$1,758 12	
Uncollected Taxes for 1871,	120 29	
Uncollected " 1872,	1,485 90	
Estimated Interest on Taxes,	80 00	
Due from State for State Aid,	401 00	— 3,845 31
Indebtedness above Assets,		$4,063 78

SNOW BILLS.

W. O. Chilson,	$13 60	
Geo. F. Wales,	15 40	
V. B. Rockwood,	17 70	
M. Z. Bullard,	26 26	
A. A. Bates,	33 30	
		$106 26

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

To pay Bills,	$549 38

PRINTING.

S. S. Foss, for printing Town Reports and Advertising,			$29 00
G. W. Stacy,	"	School Reports,	18 00
J. M. Stewart	"	Assessors' Report,	69 00
J. B. Chisholm	"	Heading of Town Warrants,	2 00
G. W. Stacy,	"	Teachers' Certificates,	1 50
			$119 50

BRIDGES.

Sabin Holbrook for lumber and work,	$20 87
Holbrook & Adams,	12 10
W. O. Chilson, lumber and work,	5 00
	$37 97

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

R. Hammond for the purchase of Books,	$15 07

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

F. D. J. Barney, old account,	$2 50—	$2 50
W. O. Chilson,	159 04	
V. B. Rockwood,	171 10	
M. Z. Bullard,	160 00	
G. F. Wales,	170 00	
A. A. Bates,	167 29—	827 43
		$829 93

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

School House No. 8, by N. B. Woodbury,	$1 50	
" " " 8, by Anson Wheelock,	9 15 —	$10 55
" " " 1, E. T. Norcross,	496 64	
" " " 3, F. A. Sherburne,	127 36	
" " " " E. T. Norcross,	40 22	
" " " " Horace Rockwood,	7 30 —	174 88
" " " 5, Seneca Burr,	5 15	
" " " " R. Hammond,	2 55	
" " " " A. S. Burr,	1 00 —	8 70
" " " 6, C. F. Metcalf,		4 13
" " " 9, Wm. E. Coombs,		11 83
Amount on Repairs,		$706 73

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. A, Cook, Superintendent of Schools,	$52 00
J. T. Massey, Town Treasurer, Clerk, Auditor, Sealer of Weights, &c.,	68 40
S. Burr, Constable,	5 00
Pickering and Rockwood, Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	88 00
W. O. Chilson, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	35 00
A. H. Holbrook, Assessor,	45 00
C. H. Cutler, "	40 00
C. W. Thayer, "	34 00
D. J. Pickering, for extra services as Overseer of Poor,	16 50
M. Rockwood, " " " "	14 30
P. Cook, Constable, 1870,	5 00
	$403 20

MISCELLANEOUS.

N. A. Cook, for services in M. Pettis case,	$37 00
Mrs. Adelia Ellis, for care of Small Pox patients.	40 00

SCHOOLING.

School No. 1, W. P. Johnson, for Wood,	$7 00		
Eva E. Norcross, Teaching,	80 00		
" "	75 00	—	$162 00
2, Wm. P. Johnson, for Wood,	16 00		
C. H. Cutler, for Wood, &c.,	24 50		
Sarah L. Smith, Teaching.	80 00		
L. O. Hayward "	90 00	—	210 50
3, L. O. Hayward, Teaching,	90 00		
Arabel E. Barbour, "	63 00		
H. Rockwood, Board, &c.,	11 75	—	164 75
4, Inez L. Sherburne (3 terms)	235 50		
W. Lazell, for Wood	13 00		
G. Rockwood, care of School House.	2 00	—	250 50
			$787 75
School No. 5, E. E. Rockwood, for Wood,	7 00		
R. Hammond, Wood and care of Fire,	4 80		
M. M. Prouty, Teaching,	48 00		
S. C. Walling, "	15 00		
Emma F. Norcross, "	100 00		
S. Burr, for Wood, &c.,	3 09	—	$177 89
6, J O. Wilcox, for Wood,	14 50		
M. J. Rhodes, Teaching, (3 terms)	272 00	—	$286 50
8, Anna Joslin, Teaching, (2 terms)	150 00		
A. A. Wheelock, Sawing Wood,	2 00		
D. Kempton, for Wood,	8 50	—	$160 50
9, Wm. E. Coombs, Wood, &c.,	21 00		
Ellen Clifford, Teaching, (2 terms)	160 00	—	181 00
			$805 89

RECAPITULATION.

Snow Bills,	$106 26
Overseers of Poor,	549 38
Printing,	119 50
Bridges,	37 97
School Books,	15 07
Highways,	829 93
School House Repairs, &c.,	706 73
Town Officers,	403 20
Miscellaneous,	77 00
Schooling,	1,593 64
	$4,438 68

MARTIN ROCKWOOD,
GEO. F. WALES,
SABIN HOLBROOK,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

We have examined the above accounts, and find them correct and properly vouched.

MILTON Z. BULLARD,
D. J. PICKERING,
H. M. ROCKWOOD.
} Auditors.

Bellingham, Feb. 28, 1873.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1881.

FRANKLIN:
PRESS OF CHARLES L. STEWART,
COTTON'S BLOCK, DEPOT STREET.
1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$450 00
County tax,	346 49
Town grants for Town charges,	6,350 00
Overlayings.	123 50
School books.	4 85
	$7,274 84

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. F. THAYER, in account with Town of Bellingham, DR.

Received of J. T. Massey, former Treas.,	$1,081 30	
Borrowed of Amos Keach,	600 00	
" Orrin Chilson, in anticipation of taxes,	200 00	
Borrowed of R. F. Thayer, in anticipation of taxes,	500 00	
Received of State Treasurer, corporation tax,	3 79	
Received of State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	163 65	
Received of State Treasurer, State aid, 1877,	105 00	
Received of State Treasurer, State aid, 1879,	147 00	
Received of State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers,	26 00	
Received of State Treasurer, State and military aid,	325 42	
Received of State Treasurer, school fund,	220 69	
" for dog tax of County Treas.,	136 44	
" of D. J. Pickering, collector, 1878 tax,	82 90	
Received of D. J. Pickering, collector, 1879 tax,	1,501 20	
Received of D. J. Pickering, collector, 1880 tax,	5,100 98	
Received of H. A. Whitney, collector, 1877 tax in full,	274 71	

Received of H. A. Whitney, interest on taxes,	$59	61
Received of H. A. Whitney, for use of Town Hall for two shows.	2	50
Received of H. A. Whitney, for rent of Town Hall,	15	00
Received of Orrin Chilson, timber,	1	50
		$10,457 69

CONTRA. CR.

Paid 149 Selectmen's orders,	$6,216 52
Marion Darling's note in full,	640 00
Arthur Whitney's " "	20 00
" " " "	40 00
Cynthia Bullard's " in part,	25 00
Hannah A. Burr's " in full,	115 00
Orrin Chilson's " "	200 00
R. F. Thayer's " "	500 00
State tax,	450 00
County tax,	346 49
Interest on Town notes,	328 09
Expenses on Town business,	5 00
State aid,	300 00
Military aid,	240 00
Postage and stationery,	3 50
Abated taxes, 1878, D. J. Pickering,	9 25
" " 1879, " "	12 33
" " 1880, " "	84 08
" " 1877, H. A. Whitney,	24 26
H. A. Whitney, services as collector,	33 50
H. A. Whitney, care Town house, setting glass, and wood,	6 34
D. J. Pickering, services as collector, 1878,	30 00
Balance in treasury,	828 33
	$10,457 69

LIABILITY OF TOWN.

On 17 Town notes,	$7,866 56
Interest due on outstanding notes,	549 00
Due Town officers,	260 00
	$8,675 56

ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 22, 1881,	$828 33	
Due from State for State aid,	75 00	
" Military aid,	30 00	
D. J. Pickering, collector, 1879,	222 67	
" " " 1880,	2,181 42	
		3,337 42
		$5,338 14

R. F. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above report, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

D. LAWRENCE, *Auditor.*

Bellingham, Feb. 22, 1881.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TEACHING SCHOOLS.

I. N. Sherburne,	$240 00
H. M. Knights,	180 00
A. A. Stanton and wife,	375 00
R. Hayward,	77 00
E. Brown,	88 00
Ida M. Cole,	77 00
Sarah McKean,	88 00
A. C. Grant,	118 40
A. P. Fowler,	67 20
Ella Taylor,	70 00
Mary A. Fairbanks,	152 00
Melicia Gay,	133 00
N. M. Lucas,	152 00
Susie E. Young,	126 00
Mary W. Metcalf,	120 00
M. A. Warrell,	63 00
	$2,126 60

FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid E. B. Stowe, wood, care schoolhouse and fixtures, No. 2,		$24 85
D. E. Wilcox, wood, care house and fixtures,	No. 6,	14 05
A. N. Whitney, " "	No. 5,	5 55
E. M. Scott, coal and fixtures,	No. 8,	26 45
M. A. Belcher, "	No. 5,	7 13
J. W. Harris, "	No. 5,	10 60
Geo. A. Croocks, wood, care house and fixtures,	No. 4,	18 37
Francis Metcalf, " "	No. 2,	23 01
Gilbert Darling, " "	No. 6,	24 49
S. Burr, wood,	No. 5,	1 44
F. D. J. Barney, coal bill,	No. 5,	32 50
G. F. Wales, wood,	No. 6,	18 66
Frank Gherstle, care schoolhouse,	No. 5,	3 00
E. M. Scott, coal and fixtures,	No. 8,	12 85
V. B. Rockwood, wood and fixtures,	No. 3,	13 95

Mary W. Metcalf, care schoolhouse,	No. 2,	$3 60
F. J. Bemis, " "	No. 9,	3 05
E. E. Rockwood, fixtures,	No. 5,	1 42
Geo. A. Croocks, care schoolhouse and fixtures,	No. 4,	5 75
Geo. D. Rockwood, " "	No. 1,	12 35
M. A. Belcher, " "	No. 5,	1 75
Lewis E. Whitney, " "	No. 5,	4 50
		$269 32

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSE.

E. M. Scott, repair of house No. 8,	$10 79
" " " " "	72 73
	$83 52

TOWN OFFICERS.

John N. Rhodes, Overseer Poor,	$15 00
A. L. Wight, " "	15 00
J. T. Massey, Town Clerk, Treas., Overseer Poor,	107 74
R. Hammond, Superintendent Schools,	85 00
R. F. Thayer, Selectman,	20 00
Orrin Chilson, "	18 00
Sabin Holbrook, "	18 00
A. H. Holbrook, Assessor,	37 31
D. E. Wilcox, "	35 00
S. Burr, "	31 25
D. Lawrence, Auditor,	6 00
H. A. Whitney, Constable,	5 00
B. W. Woodbury, "	5 00
	$398 30

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

E. M. Scott,	$76 43
Irving Wales,	44 30
G. A. Croocks,	64 51
E. H. Davis,	37 62
Asa Pickering,	76 80
Warren Lazelle,	40 00
M. V. Cook,	53 26
M. P. Thayer,	45 10
E. E. Rockwood,	68 53
O. L. Bullard,	60 12

A. H. Holbrook,	$58 00
Geo. F. Wales,	47 21
Judson E. Camp,	60 83
Calvin Fairbanks,	59 45
Franklin Adams,	60 00
	$852 16

REMOVING SNOW.

Irving Wales, old bill,	$1 80
E. H. Davis,	4 65
E. E. Rockwood,	7 31
Judson E. Camp,	8 70
Irving Wales,	5 73
M. P. Thayer,	4 80
Asa Pickering,	5 95
Otto L. Bullard,	5 70
Calvin Fairbanks,	1 50
Franklin Adams,	82
E. M. Scott,	10 74
Orrin Chilson,	5 33
	$63 03

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Overseers to pay bills,	$1,505 80

SUPPORT OF TRAMPS.

H. A. Whitney, care of tramps from Feb. 15, 1880, to Feb. 15, 1881, inclusive, 143 tramps, at 20 cts.,	$28 60
Wood for lockup,	2 17
	$30 77

RAILINGS AND BRIDGES.

Henry Howard, lumber,	$8 15
Lake & Larnard, "	15 01
J. C. Rich, "	27 76
Orrin Chilson, labor and lumber,	16 87
" " " on and material for repairing bridge over Peter's river,	318 22
Whipple O. Chilson, lumber,	38 50

Warren Lazelle, labor and posts,	$14 95
Sabin Holbrook, "	3 00
S. A. Adams, repair of bridge between Mendon and Bellingham, near South Milford,	4 50
Sabin Holbrook, same bridge,	4 58
Wm. Thompson, "	2 00
7 sleepers furnished from Town Farm,	6 62
	$460 16

BUILDING NEW ROAD AT CARYVILLE.

Patrick Connolly, labor,	$77 00
Betsey Fairbanks, land damages,	50 00
Francis Metcalf, " "	20 00
	$147 00

PRINTING.

Charles L. Stewart, 300 reports,	$15 00
" " Schcol reports,	21 00
Cook & Son, blanks,	1 50
Charles L. Stewart, tax blanks,	3 25
	$40 75

REPAIR OF TOWN HOUSE AND SEATING.

F. J. Bemis, repairing inside Town Hall,	$57 37
Ellis Bullard, labor and stock,	22 27
E. E. Rockwood, labor,	7 05
R. N. Smith, repairing stove,	75
William Thompson, labor,	2 40
F. A. Stuart, for 36 settees,	86 40
Paid freight on "	4 03
F. A. Cook. for labor and material outside,	3 39
	$183 66

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. O. Wilcox, for public water tub,	$5 00
Jas. P. Thayer, " "	5 00
J. T. Massey, book shelves,	1 50
E. D. Woodbury, cutting brush,	1 50
Dr. R. Hammond, record book,	2 75
R. Folger, guide board and paint,	4 00
D. Appleton & Co., book to Dr. Hammond,	5 70

R. Hammond, on behalf of School Committee, to pay for school books unpaid during the past 4 years,	$30 00
	$55 45

RECAPITULATION.

Teaching schools,	$2,126 60
Fuel and care of schoolhouses,	269 32
Repair of schoolhouse,	83 52
Town officers,	398 30
Repair highways,	852 16
Removing snow,	63 03
Support of Poor,	1,505 80
Support of tramps,	30 77
Railings and bridges,	460 16
New road at Caryville,	147 00
Printing,	40 75
Repair of Town House and seating,	183 66
Miscellaneous,	55 45
	$6,216 52

ESTIMATE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

For State and County tax,	$700 00
Support of schools,	1,800 00
Repair highways,	900 00
Support of Poor,	700 00
Bridges and railings,	200 00
Printing,	50 00
Town officers,	400 00
Town incidentals,	200 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	1,000 00
	$5,950 00

The guide boards are in fair condition, with the need of one or two new posts and boards.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
SABIN HOLBROOK,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. LAWRENCE, *Auditor.*

Bellingham, Feb. 22, 1881.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

There is now at the Town Farm the following property as appraised by the Selectmen:

4 tons English hay,	$100 00
2 1-2 tons meadow hay,	30 00
Corn fodder,	1 00
1 sleigh,	10 00
Hay cutter,	3 00
Brush and curry,	1 00
10 meal bags,	1 30
Surcingle and blanket,	1 50
2 bushels meal,	1 25
Measures,	75
Harnesses and boxes,	12 00
1 horse,	130 00
6 cows.	200 00
3 shoats,	22 00
3 ladders and hook,	6 00
1 farm wagon,	15 00
Horse and ox sleds,	15 00
6 chains and 2 bars,	6 00
4 ox yokes,	1 50
3 manure forks and hooks,	3 00
2 corn cutters.	25
Beetle wedge,	25
3 axes,	1 25
1 bill hook.	1 00
2 wrenches and hammers,	1 50
1 augur,	1 00
2 wood saws,	75
3 hoes and 2 shovels,	1 50
2 harrows and 1 cultivator,	8 00
3 whiffletrees,	90
Cranberry Rake,	2 00
25 baskets corn,	15 00
Old iron,	7 50
2 plows,	15 00
Express wagon,	25 00

Ox cart,	$25 00
Ox wagon,	25 00
Mower and rake,	20 00
23 fowls,	11 50
Grindstone,	3 00
Wheelbarrow,	3 50
700 lbs. coal,	3 50
3 bu. sweet corn,	3 00
14 cords wood, cut for fire,	63 00
2 1-2 cords seasoned wood,	10 00
1 buffalo robe,	1 50
60 lbs. D. apples,	4 80
18 lbs. sausage meat,	2 16
Sugar,	1 75
3 doz. eggs,	60
1 gal. molasses,	65
1 bbl. flour,	9 50
2 1-2 bu. salt,	1 75
32 lbs. butter,	9 60
65 lbs. lard,	7 80
Soap,	2 50
200 lbs. salt pork,	20 00
10 bbls. apples,	6 00
2 bbls. vinegar,	7 00
4 bbls. cider,	4 00
5 cider barrels,	5 00
8 bu. carrots,	3 20
40 bu. turnips,	10 00
47 bu. potatoes,	30 45
2 wash tubs, board and wringer,	5 00
Small potatoes,	50
1 bbl. pickles,	5 00
15 jars preserves,	6 00
100 lbs. hams and shoulders,	10 00
2 1-2 bu. beans,	5 00
1 bu. garden beans,	2 00
1 lb. tea,	50
Garden beans,	75
	$971 71

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	$1,505 80
From old board,	32 50
On W. A. Richardson's pension,	72 00
For butter,	196 27

For milk,	$51 46
7 calves,	43 10
1 yoke oxen,	127 50
1 cow,	47 50
Eggs,	13 03
Squashes,	10 90
Pork,	70 11
Vegetables,	12 35
Potatoes,	11 60
1 horse,	10 00
Entertaining peddlars,	3 58
Wood sold from Farm,	138 45
Standing wood sold at auction,	173 00
From B. Knight, for cow,	25 00
Town of Milford,	10 00
" Wrentham,	110 75
	$2,664 90

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Paid for coal,	$14 72
Flour	67 50
Sugar,	24 00
Molasses,	7 63
Tea and coffee,	7 96
Grain and meal,	141 36
Clothing,	51 49
Soap and potash,	5 20
Fish,	12 87
Rice and raisins,	2 94
Spices, saleratus and starch,	4 97
Farming tools and repairs,	33 94
Oil and matches,	3 26
Butchering,	3 00
Labor on Farm,	22 00
" in house,	49 95
Grass and other seeds,	13 80
Meat,	40 18
6 cider barrels,	5 50
2 cows,	86 00
1 calf,	1 00
6 pigs,	20 00
1 shoat,	8 00
Brooms,	60
Tin and wooden ware,	2 40
Use of bull,	4 00

Paid for sundries,	$2	87
Blacksmith bill,	5	40
Geo. Nelson, old bill, 1875 to '79,	21	30
Vinegar,	1	00
Salt,	2	25
Crackers,	5	67
Onions,		98
Grinding grain,	2	27
Essences,	1	65
Making cider,	2	58
Plants,	1	53
F. A. Taft's bill, 1879,	188	04
" " "	21	25
J. T. Massey, as by vouchers,	95	53
Mary Taft, labor in house, 1879,	22	15
Charles Irons,	14	67
Blacksmith bill, old bill,	1	95
S. Burr, for grain, old bill,	9	97
Charles Irons and wife, salary,	250	00
E. Grant's store bill,	9	50
F. R. Smith's bill,	3	50
G. W. Stacy, printing,	3	00
H. P. Young,	4	00
For school books,	1	57
George Irons, labor,	2	12
Adams, bal. on "	1	65
Nason, " "	2	74
Dr. R. Hammond,	4	31
Alba Trask, for horse,	130	00
Barton Cook and wife, in part for services,	150	00
Mrs. James O. Brown, for Town of Wrentham,	110	75
B. Knight, old bill,	23	87
Sidney Pierce, bill on furnace,	14	25
		$1,746 59

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid for Cross and Hixon, at Worcester Asylum,	$413	21
W. A. Richardson, at Danvers Asylum,	183	92
Provision for Lucius Decosti,	6	50
" John Powers,	21	20
" F. A. Adams' wife,	20	08
" John Phillips,	29	91

Paid for aid and medical attendance, Montcalm Pettis,	$170 38	
Aid for J. L. Johnson, for Milford,	10 00	
Burial Martin Burk,	10 00	
Aid to Burk family,	4 90	
Expense removing Burk family,	8 22	
Aid and expense for Cushman child,	16 30	
Expense in taking child to "Wanderers' Home,"	3 82	
Burial expenses for Gilroy,	10 00	
		$908 44
		$2,655 03

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,		$2,664 90
Expenses at Farm,	$1,746 59	
Expenses away from Town Farm,	908 44	
		2,655 03
Balance in hands of Overseers,		$9 87
Due from State,	$10 00	
" E. Grant, for butter and eggs,	22 10	
There is now due on note for standing wood sold at auction,	520 00	
		$552 10

There have been ten different persons during the year supported at the Farm, equal to five and one-half persons for twelve months.

ELLIS BULLARD,
D. J. PICKERING,
S. BURR,
Overseers of the Poor of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. LAWRENCE, *Auditor.*

Bellingham, Feb. 22, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1882.

FRANKLIN:
PRESS OF CHARLES L. STEWART,
COTTON'S BLOCK, DEPOT STREET.
1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$450 00
County tax,	365 26
Town grants for Town charges,	5,550 00
Overlayings,	259 18
School books,	3 78
	$6,628 22

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, February 22, 1881,	$828 33
Received from State Treasurer, pauper burial,	10 00
" " " State paupers,	27 00
" " " Corporation tax,	34 73
" " " State aid,	116 00
" " " Relief of indigent soldiers,	284 00
Received from D. Lawrence, for School fund,	20 00
Income of School fund,	221 87
County Treasurer, dog tax,	128 62
D. J. Pickering, collector, 1879, in full,	224 81
" " " 1880, tax,	1,861 12
Otto L. Bullard, 1881 "	4,566 00
Borrowed of Nahum Cook, to pay Wallace note,	1,000 00
Austin B. Chilson,	350 00
Almira B. Chilson,	300 00
Milford Savings Bank,	2,700 00
Luther Thayer, anticipation of taxes,	60 00
R. F. Thayer, " "	500 00
Received of Dr. Hammond, old plank,	1 00
Ichabod Cook, for builders' risk,	2 00
" " for use stove,	5 00
H. A. Whitney, use Town Hall,	17 88
National Bank tax,	273 47
	$13,531 83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 159 Selectmen's orders,	$7,703 66
Henry D. Wallace, note in full,	1,000 00
Mary J. Burr, " "	50 00
Insurance on Town House,	31 00
" new School-house, N. Bellingham,	73 00
" School-house, No. 2,	13 00
State tax,	450 00
County tax,	365 26
Interest on Town notes,	533 39
State aid,	235 00
Military aid,	240 00
Luther Thayer, note in full,	60 00
R. F. Thayer, "	500 00
D. J. Pickering, services as collector, 1879,	40 00
Expenses on Town business.	6 00
Henry A. Whitney, fuel and care Town House,	10 94
Postage and stationery,	4 00
Balance in Treasury, February 20, 1882,	2,216 58
	$13,531 83

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

On 19 Town notes,	$11,266 56	
Interest due on outstanding notes,	493 91	
Due Town officers,	260 00	
		$12,020 47

ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1882,	$2,216 58	
Due from State aid,	55 50	
Military aid,	30 00	
D. J. Pickering, collector, 1880,	400 00	
O. L. Bullard, " 1881,	2,062 22	
		$4,764 30
		$7,256 17

R. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I have examined the above report and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

D. LAWRENCE, Auditor.

Bellingham, Feb. 20, 1882.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TEACHING SCHOOLS.

I. N. Sherburne,	$248 00
H. M. Knights,	217 00
Arthur N. Whitney,	348 75
Lenna B. Cook,	88 00
N. M. Lucus,	176 00
Mary W. Metcalf,	279 00
George E. Aldrich,	217 00
Clara L. Bullard,	225 00
M. A. Warrell,	7 00
R. Fuller,	78 25
Adda Cook,	144 00
Nettie Fuller,	25 20
George E. Bemis,	81 00
Paid B. M. Follett, conveying scholars to school,	30 00
	$2,164 20

FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A. H. Allen, No. 5,	$ 7 88
Willard B. Scott, No. 4,	23 56
George Gerstle, No. 5,	2 50
Perry H. Dawley, No. 1,	10 75
Mary W. Metcalf, No. 2,	18 01
Edgar Smith, No. 5,	2 50
George F. Wales, No. 6,	9 45
David Lawrence, No. 9,	20 66
Willie Cook, No. 5,	2 50
A. J. Barber, No. 8,	17 26
V. B. Rockwood, No. 3,	11 25
George Rockwood, No. 1,	6 90
	$133 22

REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A. H. Allen,	$ 6 91
Mary W. Metcalf,	12 00
George F. Wales,	7 01
	$25 92

TOWN OFFICERS.

R. F. Thayer, Selectman,	$ 20 00
" " Treasurer,	25 00
Orrin Chilson, Selectman,	18 00
Sabin Holbrook, "	18 00
R. Hammond, superintendent of schools and clerk,	125 60
Ellis Bullard, Overseer of Poor,	35 00
Seneca Burr, " "	15 00
D. J. Pickering, " "	15 00
A. H. Holbrook, Assessor,	32 50
D. E. Wilcox, "	30 00
S. Burr, "	27 50
D. Lawrence, Auditor,	6 00
H. A. Whitney, Constable,	5 00
" " Truant Officer,	1 00
B. W. Woodbury, Constable,	5 00
Joseph McKeon, "	5 00
	$383 60

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Horace R. Bates,	$63 55
Amos Keach,	75 25
Ethan Claflin,	52 07
Asa Pickering,	61 50
E. M. Scott,	76 59
Irving Wales,	60 52
Varnum B. Rockwood,	63 00
M. P. Thayer,	51 00
John M. Rhodes,	63 77
M. Z. Bullard,	65 20
O. L. Bullard,	65 90
James M. Sherman,	47 02
Warren Lazell,	45 00
Amos H. Holbrook,	38 70
C. Fairbanks,	59 55
	$888 62

REMOVING SNOW.

M. V. Cook, old bill,	$ 4 00
A. H. Holbrook, old bill,	8 60
H. R. Bates,	15 51
John N. Rhodes,	30 53
Asa Pickering,	33 09
James M. Sherman,	32 25

Irving Wales,	$41 40
V. B. Rockwood,	20 48
Amos Keach,	28 35
Warren Lazell,	8 63
Otto L. Bullard,	24 40
B. F. Cook,	2 55
E. M. Scott,	14 10
	$263 89

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Overseers to pay bill,	$358 84
Paid S. B. Smith, milk bill, by vote of Town,	10 25
	$369 09

SUPPORT OF TRAMPS.

Paid H. A. Whitney, care of tramps from Feb. 15, 1881, to Feb. 20, 1882, 37 tramps,	$7 40

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

William Thompson, labor,	$ 60
E. Claflin, labor,	50
L. A. Cook, plank,	47 00
William Burr. "	4 65
Sabin Holbrook, labor and material,	28 68
Orrin Chilson,	5 25
Patrick Connolly, labor,	11 00
Gilbert Darling, spikes,	3 40
S. A. Adams, labor,	4 45
Town Farm, post and railings,	11 08
	$116 61

RE-LOCATING HIGHWAY NEAR J. G. RAY'S FARM.

Paid Patrick Connolly, labor,	$250 00

PRINTING.

C. L. Stewart, Town Reports,	$15 00
" " School Reports,	22 00
Cook & Sons, check list, etc.,	11 00
" " proposals,	1 00
" " warrants,	5 50
Patriot News Co.,	1 00
	$55 50

PAINTING TOWN HOUSE.

Freight on paints and oil,	$ 77
E. & F. King, lead and oil,	53 68
Connor and Spence, labor,	83 51
	$137 96

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Supplementary readers and erasers,	$9 72
School books,	4 32
Webster's dictionary,	8 50
	$22 54

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AS BY SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

For labor and material,	$97 97

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. O. Wilcox, public water tub,	$ 5 00
James P. Thayer, " "	5 00
Sabin Holbrook, services,	5 00
William Thompson, labor,	1 90
R. N. Smith, repairing gate at cemetery,	75
James Adams, moving school-house,	55 00
C. H. Thayer, for gravel,	5 00
H. E. Fales,	18 52
P. P. Cook, for water tub,	5 00

J. H. Harris, for stove pipe, Town house,	$20 90
S. A. Adams, gravel,	25 00
Orrin Chilson, gate for cemetery,	9 55
Mahlon Apgar, gravel,	5 00
	$161 62

BUILDING NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE AT NORTH BELLINGHAM.

Paid Henry Howard, for land,	$ 25 00
Ichabod Cook, for labor and material, as per contract,	2,450 00
James Sherman, stone,	38 50
Sabin Holbrook, labor,	5 55
Patrick Connolly, labor,	25 50
S. A. Adams, labor,	30 43
L. Francis Thayer, labor,	3 50
J. H. Harris, stove, pipe, etc.,	47 04
	$2,625 52

RECAPITULATION.

Teaching schools,	$2,164 20
Fuel and care of school-houses,	133 22
Repairing school-houses,	25 92
Town officers,	383 60
Repairs of highways,	888 62
Removing snow,	263 89
Support of poor,	369 09
Support of tramps,	7 40
Bridges and railings,	116 61
Re-locating highway near J. G. Ray's farm,	250 00
Printing,	55 50
Painting Town house,	137 96
School books,	22 54
Repairing highway, as by special appropriation,	97 97
Miscellaneous,	161 62
Building new school-house at No. Bellingham,	2,625 52
	$7,703 66

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

For State and County tax,	$ 800 00
Support of schools,	1,800 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00

For Bridges and railings,	$250 00
Printing,	50 00
Town officers,	400 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	1,000 00
	$6,600 00

The guide-boards are in fair condition, with the need of some small repairs.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
SABIN HOLBROOK,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. LAWRENCE, Auditor.

Bellingham, Feb. 20, 1882.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

There is now at the Town Farm the following property as appraised by the Selectmen :—

4 tons English hay,	$ 96 00
2 tons meadow hay,	24 00
1 sleigh,	10 00
1 hay cutter,	2 00
1 brush and curry,	1 00
10 meal bags,	1 50
1 surcingle and blanket,	1 00
1 bushel meal, and cotton seed and shorts,	1 50
1 harness and box,	8 00
1 horse,	150 00
6 cows,	228 00
2 shoats,	32 00
3 ladders and hooks,	6 00
1 farm wagon,	10 00
1 horse and ox sled,	15 00
6 chains and 2 bars,	6 00
4 ox yokes,	1 50
3 manure forks and puller,	3 00
3 axes,	1 00
Beetle ank wedges,	25
1 bill hook,	1 00
2 wrenches and hammer,	1 50
2 augers,	1 40
2 wood saws,	75
3 hoes and 2 shovels,	1 50
3 harrows and 1 cultivator,	14 00
3 whiffletrees,	90
1 cranberry rake,	2 00
2 1-2 bushels corn,	2 50

Old iron,	$ 7 50
2 plows,	14 00
1 express wagon,	20 00
1 ox wagon,	25 00
1 mower and rake,	10 00
28 fowls,	14 00
1 grindstone,	3 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 50
1,040 lbs. coal,	3 38
20 cords wood for fire.	80 00
15 cords wood,	60 00
1 buffalo robe,	1 00
Sugar,	2 00
Molasses,	1 10
1 barrel flour,	9 00
Salt,	1 00
25 lbs. butter,	8 25
60 lbs. lard,	9 00
150 lbs. salt pork,	15 00
48 gallons vinegar,	4 80
2 1-2 barrels cider,	2 50
7 cider barrels,	7 00
3 bushels carrots,	1 20
40 bushels potatoes,	46 00
4 wash tubs, 1 wringer, 2 boards,	5 00
3 pecks white beans,	2 00
1-2 bushel garden beans,	50
Tea and coffee,	45
2 gallons oil,	40
20 lbs. round beef,	1 20
20 lbs. fresh pork,	2 40
100 lbs. hams and shoulders,	12 00
15 bushels turnips,	6 00
11 bushels seed potatoes,	5 50
5 bushels rye,	5 00
1 garden rake,	60
1 pulley and ropes,	2 75
2 baskets,	75
3 hay forks,	75
Manure forks,	1 00
Posts and lumber,	7 00
2 bushels rye meal,	2 00
1 Lincoln creamer.	36 25
1 churn,	6 00
1 ice chest,	3 00
	$1,072 08

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,		$358 84
	Old board, as reported,	9 87
	on outstanding notes,	520 00
	Interest on notes,	8 75
	1,247 1-2 lbs. butter,	381 79
	Milk,	20 14
	8 calves,	60 65
	2 cows,	68 00
	1 bull,	17 00
	13 pigs,	44 50
	Pork,	59 13
	Eggs,	32 94
	Potatoes,	11 45
	Vegetables,	28 43
	Beans,	4 68
	Apples,	3 55
	Entertaining Peddlers,	6 24
	for work,	20 23
	wood sold from farm,	28 07
	Rye straw,	9 70
	1 ox cart,	25 00
	Selectmen, for posts and railings,	11 08
		$1,730 04

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Paid for	coal,	$ 11 07
	Flour,	71 75
	Sugar,	24 00
	Molasses,	9 35
	Tea and coffee,	13 50
	Grain and meal,	257 33
	Clothing and dry goods,	45 89
	Soap and potash,	5 55
	Fish,	21 69
	Rice and raisins,	2 21
	Spices, salaratus and starch,	3 68
	Farming tools,	26 82
	Repairs,	19 84
	Oil and matches,	2 79
	Butchering,	2 25
	Labor on farm,	15 25
	Pasture,	10 00
	Sabin Holbrook, old bill,	1 50
	S. A. Adams, "	1 00

Paid for	Grass and other seeds,	$14 68	
	Fertilizer,	10 00	
	Corn fodder,	5 50	
	Meat,	60 55	
	2 cows,	68 00	
	1 calf,	1 00	
	1 bull,	12 00	
	16 pigs,	30 00	
	Brooms, crockery and tin ware,	9 00	
	Use of bull,	3 00	
	Boots and shoes,	12 70	
	Creamer,	36 25	
	Ice bill,	18 82	
	Blacksmith bill,	12 18	
	Salt,	2 71	
	Crackers,	6 68	
	Grinding grain,	1 47	
	Medicine and essences,	2 50	
	School books and stationery,	2 93	
	Postal cards and stamps,	1 17	
	Tobacco,	2 37	
	Sweet potatoes,	2 00	
	Cheese,	1 37	
	Apples and lemons,	1 58	
	Sundries,	5 28	
	Barton Cook and wife,	150 00	
	" " to pay bills,	25 00	
	L. A. Cook, coal, old bill,	6 43	
	Wire screening,	1 70	
			$1,052 34

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid for	Cross & Hixon, at Worcester Asylum,	$392 78	
	W. A. Richardson, at Danvers, to time of his death,	51 69	
	V. B. Rockwood, services as undertaker,	16 20	
	Donation and expenses for Burk children at Children's Home,	30 04	
	Aid and expense for Frank Adams family,	53 09	
	Aid to John Phillip and wife,	60 90	
	Aid and expense to Mary Connell, in taking her to State Farm,	40 82	
	Sundry bills away from Farm, as per vouchers,	15 10	

Paid for Expenses attending W. A. Richardson's pension,	$7 86	
		$668 48
		$1,720 82

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,		$1,730 04
Expenses at Farm,	$1,052 34	
" away from Farm,	668 48	
		$1,720 82
Balance in hands of Overseers,		$9 22
Due from State,		$14 80

There have been twelve different persons during the year supported at the Farm, equal to nine persons for twelve months.

ELLIS BULLARD,
DANIEL J. PICKERING,
SENECA BURR,
} Overseers of the Poor of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

D. LAWRENCE, Auditor.

Bellingham, Feb. 20, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

MILFORD:
KING AND BILLINGS, PRINTERS, GAZETTE OFFICE,
1884.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1884.

MILFORD:
KING AND BILLINGS, PRINTERS, GAZETTE OFFICE,
1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$ 510 00
County tax,	392 54
Schools,	2000 00
Highways,	1000 00
Support of poor,	1400 00
Bridges and railings,	200 00
Printing,	75 00
Town officers,	400 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	1000 00
Town debt,	1000 00
Repair of school houses,	200 00
School incidentals,	50 00
Interest of surplus revenue and bank tax,	165 09
Overlaying,	208 47
	$8901 10

RECEIPTS.

To balance in treasury, Feb. 20, 1883,	$1422 74
Received from state treasurer for state paupers,	95 71
" " " "	6 00
Relief of paupers in extreme cases,	41 75
Corporation tax,	10 35
National bank tax,	132 20
State aid,	264 00
Relief of indigent soldiers,	120 00
Commonwealth, over payment,	16 55
Eben Baker, old plank,	50
County treasurer, dog tax,	110 71
Income of school fund,	221 86
for sale of school house,	110 00
of Otto L. Bullard, 1881 tax in full,	366 83
Daniel J. Pickering, 1882 tax,	2065 96
" " 1883 tax,	6189 00
Henry A. Whitney, rent of Town House from Feb. 20, 1882 to Feb. 20, 1883,	28 00
Ditto, " 1883 to " 1884,	33 50
Borrowed of Orrin Chilson, in anticipation of taxes,	400 00
Borrowed of trustees of Baptist church and society,	632 00
	$12,267 66

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 146 Selectmen's orders,	$6052 19
State tax,	510 00
County tax,	392 54
Daniel J. Pickering, abated taxes, 1882,	108 86
Otto L. Bullard, abated taxes, 1881,	52 50
Milford Savings Bank note,	1700 00
State aid, chapter 301,	233 00
Military aid, chapter 252,	240 00
Interest on town notes,	660 60
Postage and stationery,	5 00
Insurance on school house No. 2,	13 00
" " " 5,	21 00
Henry A. Whitney, care of Town House, furnishing wood and repairs, 1882,	14 29
Ditto, 1883,	7 75
Orrin Chilson's note,	400 00
State aid agent,	3 00
	$10,413 73

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

On 20 outstanding notes,	$9198 56	
Interest on "	450 00	
Due town officers,	275 00	
Town farm for lumber,	60 90	
		$9984 46

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 20, 1884,	$1853 93	
Due from State aid,	45 00	
Military aid,	20 00	
Daniel J. Pickering, 1882 tax,	291 85	
" " 1883 tax,	2712 10	
		4922 88
Balance,		$5061 58

R. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. BARON STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TEACHING SCHOOL.

Paid David Lawrence,		$ 9 00
Mary W. Metcalf,		163 00
E. R. Estes,		224 00
Laura Pierce,		77 40
Inez L. Sherburne,		256 00
Susie Adams,		256 00
Ada A. Billings,		288 00
Alice A. Clark,		192 00
Florence L. Knight,		324 50
Jennie L. Whitney,		202 00
Nellie Warfield,		66 00
Helen Claflin,		126 00
George A. Aldrich,		100 00
		$2283 90

FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid V. B. Rockwood, old bill,	No. 3,	$13 35
Barney & Son, coal bill,	" 4,	7 75
Horace G. Chase, school fixtures,	" 6,	5 05
Patrick Kennedy, care of school house,	" 9,	3 00
Charles Aldrich, " "	" 4,	4 00
Albert Aldrich, sawing and packing wood,	" 4,	2 25
E. A. Whitney, care of school house and sawing wood,	" 5,	5 30
Otto L. Bullard, wood,	" 9,	5 50
Horace G. Chase, coal and wood,	" 6,	27 25
Warren E. Howard, sawing wood,	" 9,	1 25
Daniel A. Wade, school fixtures and readers,		14 50
Barney & Son, coal, various districts,		39 38
David Lawrence, school fixtures,	No. 9,	1 45
A. E. Bullard, school fixtures and wood,	" 2,	26 78
Ray's Woolen Co., coal,	" 9,	15 00
Willie A. Burr, wood,	" 5,	3 13
L. F. Thayer, wood,	" 4,	6 56
V. B. Rockwood, wood and school fixtures,	" 3,	13 42
Gilbert Drake, care of school house and kindlings,		4 20
A. J. Barber, " " coal bill,	No. 8,	9 00
E. R. Estes, " "	No. 8,	4 00
G. D. Rockwood, school fixtures and wood,	No. 1,	20 28

Paid	A. H. Allen, school fixtures and wood,	No. 5,	$ 15 94
	Milton R. Billings,	" 4,	2 05
	Minnie Fiske, care of school house,	" 4,	2 00
			$252 39

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid	Ichabod Cook, repairs on	Nos. 1 and 5,	$ 33 27
	S. Keith & Co., painting,	" 1 and 5,	19 95
	George P. Warfield, blinds,	" 1 and 8,	42 00
	F. J. Bemis, repairs on No. 1,		5 40
	J. W. Harris, stove and fixtures for No. 1,		32 25
			$132 87

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Seneca Burr, services as overseer of poor,		$ 15 00
	Ellis Bullard, "	"	35 00
	Daniel A. Wade, superintendent of schools,		85 00
	Arthur N. Whitney, services as town clerk,		37 05
	R. F. Thayer, "	selectman,	20 00
	Orrin Chilson, "	"	18 00
	Sabin Holbrook, "	"	18 00
	R. F. Thayer, "	town treasurer,	25 00
	Nathan A. Cook, "	auditor,	6 00
	Henry A. Whitney, "	constable,	5 00
	A. J. Barber, "	"	5 00
	Otto L. Bullard, "	"	5 00
	A. H. Holbrook, "	assessor,	42 53
	E. B. Stowe, "	"	37 50
	D. E. Wilcox, "	"	37 50
	Otto L. Bullard, collecting 1881 taxes,		50 00
			$441 58

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid	Overseers, to pay bills,	$1503 35

PRINTING.

Paid	King & Billings,	$73 50
	Cook & Sons,	3 00
	C. L. Stewart,	3 25
		$79 75

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid	Horace R. Bates,	$ 73 75
	Manning B. Taylor,	55 85
	Amos Keach,	80 00
	A. S. Burr,	62 03
	Warren Lazelle,	45 00
	Ellis T. Norcross,	56 96
	James Pyne,	50 61
	George A. Staples,	66 78
	E. P. Procter,	68 85
	Franklin Adams,	58 25
	George F. Wales,	64 15
	M. Z. Bullard,	66 05
	S. A. Adams,	61 02
	Irving Wales,	61 50
	Whipple O. Chilson,	60 16
		$930 96

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN.

Paid	B. W. Woodbury, repair of culvert,	$5 00
	Orrin Chilson,	4 45
		$ 9 45

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid	Orrin Chilson, labor and material,	$ 17 01
	Martin Rockwood, plank,	8 16
	Joseph Millett, labor,	9 02
	Patrick Connolly, labor on Caryville bridge,	143 70
	E. B. & E. N. Thain, plank,	101 16
	Irving Rhodes, labor on railings,	4 20
	Taft, McKean & Co., cash for labor and material,	50 55
	A. G. Burr, labor on railings,	2 00
		$335 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid	J. O. Wilcox, watering tub,	$ 5 00
	Ellis Bullard, expenses on pauper affairs,	8 27
	Albert Estes, watering tub,	5 00
	V. B. Rockwood, return of deaths,	3 25
	Bartlett & Ellis, spikes,	1 75
	James P. Thayer, watering tub,	5 00

Paid R. F. Thayer, expenses on town affairs,	$ 12 00
George Nelson, iron door for lockup,	12 95
John Ellis, surveying highway line,	6 60
James O. Richardson, cutting bushes,	3 00
James O. Burtt, repairing wagon,	2 50
M. Z. Bullard, grading school yard No. 9,	2 55
Ellis Bullard, cutting bushes,	1 43
A. G. Burr, gravel for highway,	5 00
Hannah Bates, "	4 52
George A. Staples, removing snow,	3 52
	$82 14

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Teaching schools,	$2283 90
Fuel and care of school houses,	252 39
Repair of " "	132 87
Town officers,	441 58
Support of poor,	1503 35
Repairs of highways,	930 96
Labor on highway by order of selectmen,	9 45
Bridges and railings,	335 80
Printing,	79 75
Miscellaneous expenses,	82 14
	$6052 19

ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Support of schools,	$2000 00
Repair of highways,	1000 00
Support of poor,	1400 00
Bridges and railings,	250 00
Printing,	50 00
Town officers,	400 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	1000 00

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
W. A. McKEAN,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast,

E. BARON STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, BELLINGHAM, FEB. 16, 1884.

Two and a half tons of English hay,	$ 50 00
Lot of meadow hay,	10 00
One sleigh,	8 00
One hay-cutter,	1 50
Lot of meal bags,	3 00
Horse blanket and circingle,	1 25
Meal and shorts,	5 25
Harness and box,	36 00
One horse,	150 00
Five cows and two calves,	231 00
Seven pigs,	112 00
Three ladders and hooks,	6 00
One farm wagon,	7 00
One two-horse wagon,	43 50
Two sleds,	10 00
One express wagon,	20 00
Seven chains and two iron bars,	6 00
Four ox yokes,	1 00
Five manure forks, one hay puller,	4 00
Five axes, butts and wedge,	1 25
Two bill hooks,	1 50
Five wrenches, two hammers, two hatchets,	3 50
Two augers, one pole iron,	2 40
Five wood saws,	2 00
Five hoes and five shovels,	3 00
Three harrows, one cultivator,	14 00
Three whiffletrees, two cranberry rakes,	4 90
Three bushels of corn,	2 50
Four hay forks,	75
Lot of old iron,	7 50
Two plows,	14 00
One ox wagon,	25 00
One mower and rake,	8 00
One grindstone,	3 00
One wheelbarrow,	3 00
Thirty fowls,	18 00
One ton of coal,	6 75
Twenty-three cords of wood for fire,	92 00

Nineteen cords of wood for market,	$66 50
Three hundred feet of lumber,	7 00
One pulley and rope,	2 75
Six baskets,	1 00
One garden rake,	50
Five feed boxes,	50
Two nose baskets,	40
Three scythes and three snaths,	2 00
One set of measures,	1 25
Twenty posts,	2 00
Sugar,	1 50
Molasses,	60
Flour,	5 70
Salt,	1 75
Eight pounds of butter,	2 80
Fifty-five pounds of lard,	6 05
One hundred and ten pounds of salt pork	13 20
One hundred and sixty gallons of vinegar,	16 00
One barrel of cider,	4 00
Seven cider barrels,	7 00
Six washtubs, wringer and three boards,	8 00
Eighty bushels of potatoes,	48 00
Six bushels of seed potatoes,	2 40
Two bushels and one peck of beans,	6 50
Tea and coffee,	75
Two gallons of oil,	24
Thirty pounds of corned beef,	3 60
Seventy-five pounds of hams,	11 25
One bushel of rye meal,	80
One Lincoln creamer,	36 25
One churn,	5 00
One ice chest,	3 00
Three-fourths barrel of pickles,	7 50
Hard and soft soap,	3 25
Fifteen pounds of dried apple,	2 25
One bushel of onions,	1 00
One half bushel of seed onions,	1 50
Two dozen eggs,	60
Tobacco,	50
	$1203 44

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

840 lbs. butter,	$257 78
Stock,	175 77
Wood and lumber,	95 68
953 lbs. pork,	80 12
67 bushels onions,	63 87
Vegetables,	50 80
Eggs,	48 77
64 bushels potatoes,	42 90
Milk,	8 22
Keeping peddlers,	8 15
Use of horse,	1 50
	$ 833 56

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Balance in hands of overseers, Feb. 22, 1883,	$ 41 74	
Received from State, on Montcalm Pettis claim,	137 46	
Treasurer, on 13 orders of Selectmen,	1461 59	
Town of Milford, aid to Julius L. Johnson,	5 93	
		$1646 72
Total,		$2480 28

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Barton Cook, superintendent, one year's salary,	$450 00
Grain, $296.59; balance on last year, $22.64,	319 23
12 barrels flour,	91 25
Farming tools,	72 24
Meat, $63.37; fish and oysters, $32.27,	95 64
Stock,	62 50
2171 lbs. fertilizer,	44 42
Clothing, $44.28; boots and shoes, $19.85,	64 13
Hay and garden seeds,	20 76
Hay and corn fodder,	19 00
Repairs on buildings,	20 44
Sugar, $33.00; tea and coffee, $22.00,	55 00
5980 lbs. coal,	18 80
Blacksmithing,	16 85
Miscellaneous repairs,	9 25
3515 lbs. ice,	14 35
Tobacco, $13.41; medicine, $5.37,	18 78

3¾ barrels crackers, $12.28; cheese, $1.34,	$ 13 62
20 gals. molasses, $11.95; beans, $7.24,	19 19
Labor on farm,	11 45
Tin and wooden ware, etc., $7.97; matches, 50c.,	8 47
Soap and potash,	8 33
Saleratus and cream tartar,	2 80
Butchering, $4.00; Crockery, $1.03,	5 03
Oil, $2.06; raisins, $1.94; salt, $3.60; starch, 81c.,	8 41
Lemons, $1.42; spice, $2.18; stationery, 95c.,	4 55
Sundries, $4.82; sweet potatoes, $1.50,	6 32
	$1480 81

OUTSIDE AID.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Asylum for Joseph Cross and George Hixon, board etc., for one year ending Jan. 1, 1884,	$365 59
Assistance to Margaret Darling,	179 25
Martha Hayford and child,	72 25
Increase Gatchell,	54 65
Mrs. Perham and Mrs. Hayford,	29 96
Mrs. Margaret Welsh,	24 00
Adams child,	16 20
Burke family,	13 70
John Powers,	8 05
Zachariah Brown,	7 75
Joseph May,	3 25
James O'Connor,	6 00
Laura Vallandray,	5 00
Julius L. Johnson,	5 93
Paid Dr. Knight, medical service,	5 55
	$797 13

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from farm,		$ 833 56
" other sources,		1646 72
		$2480 28
Expenditures at farm,	$1480 81	
Outside aid,	797 13	
Cash turned over to Treasurer on Montcalm Pettis claim from state,	137 46	
		$2415 40
		$ 64 88
Due from town for lumber,		60 90
Balance in hands of Overseers,		$ 3 98

There have been thirteen different persons at the farm during the year. Average for the year, $11\frac{3}{8}$.

ELLIS BULLARD,
D. J. PICKERING,
SENECA BURR,
} Overseers of the Poor of Bellingham.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. BARON STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE YEAR 1883–4.

MILFORD:
KING AND BILLINGS, PRINTERS, GAZETTE OFFICE,
1884.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1883.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, ADAMS J. BARBER, JR., DAVID LAWRENCE,	Term expires 1884.
GEORGE D. ROCKWOOD, V. B. ROCKWOOD, A. H. ALLEN,	Term expires 1885.
ADDISON E. BULLARD, HORACE CHASE, DANIEL A. WADE,	Term expires 1886.

REPORT.

At the close of another school year your committee beg leave to submit the following report.

The schools have been in session thirty-two weeks, and No. 9 has received four additional weeks this year, because of those which were lost last year.

We still plead for longer terms, knowing that the education of the children is of vital importance.

We still plead for the co-operation of the parents, knowing that the condition of the register is largely in their control. The average attendance as compared with the average membership is not what it ought to be. The teachers are not to blame; the scholars, in this respect, are seldom the ones in error; the blame, then, rests upon the parents. Sickness is always a satisfactory excuse; the majority of other excuses for absence are of little value. In reference to the tardy marks, scattered all over some of our registers, we think no apology can be made, for there can be only occasionally a satisfactory reason given for a child entering the schoolroom five minutes after the ringing of the bell. We believe the parents can remedy this in a great measure. Hence we plead for the co-operation of the parent.

We also plead for the co-operation of those who have not at present any children in the schools. You may not have the same personal interest you would have, if you had a child there. But if you stop and think, you must know that no money pays the town better interest than the money expended for school purposes. So we ask for the help of all our citizens. Give us all the appropriation possible. We will try to use it to good advantage.

Visit the schools, find out what the teachers are doing. What you hear is not always trustworthy. People will gossip about school matters, if they have nothing else to talk about. Go to the school room and see for yourselves what is being done. Some of the teachers, perhaps they are sensitive, have felt hurt by the lack of interest on the part of those living near the school or sending children there. The middle of the term or some time when they do not know you are coming is a better time to form an opinion of what the school is really doing, than the closing day is.

In the majority of cases the teachers, scholars and committee have worked together harmoniously, and according to our best judgment, the year now closing is worthy of commendation. Improvement can still be made, and we think it ought to be the struggle of both teachers and scholars, as well as committee and citizens, to make our schools more effective. The best method of doing this with our small schools and scattered population is a difficult question to solve. All plans have two sides, and the advantages and disadvantages are very evenly balanced in our case. Your committee voted at the beginning of the year to leave it to the judgment of the several committees whether the school should be opened in their district; as a result we have had nine schools.

A pleasant feature in connection with many of our examinations has been the gifts passing between teachers and pupils and vice versa.

No changes have been made in school books; while they are not in all respects satisfactory, your committee have not deemed it wise to make any change.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The town treasurer has received for school purposes:—

Income of State school fund,	$221 86
" Dog tax,	110 71
" Surplus revenue,	140 00
" School bank,	25 09
Town appropriation,	2000 00
" " for incidentals,	50 00
	$2547 66

The treasurer has expended,

Wages of teachers,	$2283 90
Fuel, care of school houses and incidentals,	252 39
	$2536 29
Amount unexpended,	$11 37

The town appropriated for repairs, $200. The treasurer has expended $132.87.

SCHOOLS.

No. 1.

Miss Inez L. Sherburne has continued as teacher in this school through another year, and your committee are gratified at the result. We are never sent for to settle quarrels in this school, for they have none to settle, (a good example for other schools.) The school speaks for itself and the best praise of the teacher is her school.

Blinds have been added to the school building, and the walls have been cased higher instead of replastering. The building looks better and is better.

No. 2.

This school has been under the charge of a faithful teacher, Miss Ada A. Billings. We believe good work has been done, and if it has not it is no fault of the teacher. She has worked hard for her scholars. We believe there are more discouragements for a teacher in this school than in any other in town. Some of the parents have been unwise, taking the part of the child, before they had heard both sides of the story. It is not always wise to think that your own child can not do anything wrong, and it is the duty of every person to look at a matter before an opinion is formed about it.

No. 3.

This small school has become one of the largest, at least there are three or four smaller schools in town. Miss Alice A. Clarke still holds this position of teacher. Teaching in her own town and in her own school district she has been favorably received and the result of her work justify the town in continuing her services.

No. 4.

This school has become the smallest school in town. We base this statement upon the last term. The average for the year is larger than No. 6. Good, honest work has been performed by the

teacher, Miss Susie F. Adams. We think the same can be said of the scholars, some doing better than others, but they average well.

No. 6.

School opened the first term with six scholars and at the end of the year, eleven names were enrolled. Miss Jennie L. Whitney has taught the entire year. This was her first experience as a teacher. She entered upon the work with considerable zeal, and has shown the same throughout the year. The school is small but very good work has been done.

No. 8.

We spoke last year of the bad result of changing teachers too often. Mr. Edward R. Esty began the year, and also completed it, and we easily see the benefit of having a teacher more than one term. The school is in good working order and shows the effect of wise management. The school building has been furnished with blinds and painted.

No. 9.

This school has been unfortunate again this year. The first term was taught by Miss Laura A. Pierce, David Lawrence, and Mrs. Mary W. Metcalf. Miss Pierce teaching eight weeks and three days, Mr. Lawrence, one week, and Mrs. Metcalf, three weeks and three days. Under such conditions, it is almost impossible to say whether the school accomplished anything or not.

The second term, under the management of Mrs. Metcalf, was satisfactory. She sustained her past record as a good teacher.

Mr. George E. Aldrich once more became a teacher in town during the third term. A peculiar facility in committing to memory was noticeable in the examination of the third term.

PRIMARY.

Miss Nellie A. Warfield remained in this school one term. The remainder of the year, the school was taught by Miss Helen F. Clafin. During the second term many stories were in circulation,

which on examination proved to be largely gossip. Still we cannot say that matters were entirely satisfactory. The third term much better work was done.

GRAMMAR.

At the beginning of the year, Miss Florence S. Knight was selected as teacher of the school. The higher branches are taught here; Algebra, Physiology, Astronomy, Philosophy, Rhetoric, French and Latin have been taught in addition to the common branches, and all successfully. We think a deeper interest is due this school from other sections of the town, and should be glad to see all sections of the town represented in it.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

No. 1. Hattie L. Williams, Mabel Rockwood, Amelia J. Gardner.

No. 2. Charles O. Fisher, Freddie Gould, Herbert Mervin, Willie Miette, Freddie Richards, Lovell B. Stowe, Annie Fisher, Mabel Hayward, Lillian Nugent, Edith M. Stowe.

No. 3. Stephen Clarke.

No. 4. Sadie E. Billings, Mamie D. Fiske, Irene Fiske, Bertie L. Trask.

No. 6. Fred M. Rhodes, Mabel Hill.

No. 9. Lettie Arnold, Frank Arnold, Mabel Drake, Grace Grant, Maud Grant, Lena Howard, Warren Howard, Eliza Kennedy, John E. Kennedy.

Primary. Oscar Whitney, George Hancock, Charlie Marble, Walter Cooke, Ethel Cooke.

Grammar. Mabel W. Holbrook, Helen F. Claflin, Winnie L. Cooke, Ella M. Thayer, Eva L. Whitney, Charles A. Pickering.

SECOND TERM.

No. 1. Mabel Rockwood, Frank C. Albee.

No. 2. Walter McKean, Freddie Richards, Ernest Richards, Lovell B. Stowe, Willie Wight, Frank Wight, Susie Metcalf, Edith M. Stowe.

No. 3. Stephen Clarke, Lottie Clarke.

No. 4. Sadie E. Billings, Mamie D. Fiske, Charles F. Fiske, Bertie L. Trask, Clifton Trask.

No. 6. Willie F. Wales, Fred M. Rhodes, Peter Ledoux, Grace L. Pickering, Mabel Hill, Susie A. Pickering.

No. 9. Mary J. Fitzpatrick.

Primary. Lizzie Williams, Alice Blake.

Grammar. Maude Foristall, Ella M. Thayer, George D. Crooks.

THIRD TERM.

No. 1. Hattie L. Williams, Clara L. Thayer, Amelia J. Gardner, Frank E. Thayer.

No. 2. Hiland Fairbanks, Charles O. Fisher, Ira L. Hixon, Samuel L. Metcalf, Walter McKean, Herbert F. Mervin, George F. Nugent, Ernest Richards, Freddie Richards, Lovell B. Stowe, Willie A. Wight, Annie Fisher, Mabel Hayward, Minnie A. McDowell, Susie A. Metcalf, Edith M. Stowe.

No. 3. Walter H. Thayer, Tilla J. Cook, Stephen Clarke.

No. 4. Sadie E Billings, Mamie D. Fiske, Irene Fiske, Henry S. Fiske Bertie L. Trask, Clifton R. Trask.

No. 6. Willie F. Wales, Willie Lloyd, Peter Ledoux, David Ledoux.

No. 9. Frank Arnold.

Primary. Ethel M. Cooke.

FOR THE YEAR.

No. 2. Freddie Richards, Lovell B. Stowe, Edith M. Stowe.
No. 3. Stephen Clarke.
No. 4. Sadie E. Billings, Mamie D. Fiske, Bertie L. Trask.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL A. WADE,
Superintendent of Schools.

DAVID LAWRENCE, Chairman.
ADDISON H. ALLEN, Secretary.
MILTON R. BILLINGS,
GEORGE D. ROCKWOOD,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ADAMS J. BARBER,
V. B. ROCKWOOD,
HORACE CHASE,

School Committee.

TABLE No. 1.

STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1883.

Schools.	Teachers.	Whole number of scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visitors.
	First Term.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne	17	14.82	13.56	.92	14	3	2¾	$32 00	6
No. 2.	Ada A. Billings	42	36.33	33.61	.92	29	10	2¾	36 00	14
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke	19	16.00	15.34	.96	11	1	2¾	24 00	19
No. 4.	Susie F. Adams	15	13.50	12.12	.90	10	4	2¾	32 00	22
No. 6.	Jennie L. Whitney	8	7.50	6.87	.92	5	2	2¾	24 00	25
No. 8.	Edward R. Esty	18	16.25	14.86	.91	11	0	2¾	28 00	19
No. 9.	Laura A. Pierce Mary W. Metcalf	50	46.72	42.07	.90	29	9	3¼	37 00	15
Prim.	Nellie A. Warfield	24	23.02	21.23	.92	17	5	2¾	24 00	28
Gram.	Florence S. Knight	21	19.40	18.27	.94	11	6	2¾	38 00	23
	Second Term.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne	17	14.75	13.93	.94	12	2	2¾	32 00	18
No. 2.	Ada A. Billings	42	37.92	35.72	.94	25	8	2¾	36 00	7
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke	17	16.42	15.40	.94	12	2	2¾	24 00	31
No. 4.	Susie F. Adams	14	10.46	9.70	.92	9	5	2¾	32 00	10
No. 6.	Jennie L. Whitney	10	9.75	9.55	.98	5	6	2¾	24 00	33
No. 8.	Edward R. Esty	18	17.15	15.41	.90	11	0	2¾	28 00	15
No. 9.	Mary W. Metcalf	54	43.99	40 59	.92	30	1	3¼	40 00	12
Prim.	Helen F. Claflin	23	19.93	18.16	.91	19	2	2¾	24 00	42
Gram.	Florence S. Knight	21	19.65	19.02	.97	11	3	2¾	42 00	36
	Third Term.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne	16	15.12	14.19	.94	10	4	2½	32 00	8
No. 2.	Ada A. Billings	38	33.92	31.62	.93	21	16	2½	36 00	7
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke	16	15.07	13.61	.90	11	3	2½	24 00	19
No. 4.	Susie F. Adams	9	7.00	6.83	.97	5	6	2½	32 00	17
No. 6.	Jennie L. Whitney	11	11.06	10.05	.91	8	4	2½	28 00	20
No. 8.	Edward R. Esty	19	16.80	14.61	.87	13	0	2½	28 00	17
No. 9.	George E. Aldrich	40	38.00	33.31	.88	25	1	3¼	40 00	6
Prim.	Helen F. Claflin	16	14.58	12.48	.86	12	1	2½	24 00	22
Gram.	Florence S. Knight	20	18.20	16.78	.92	7	0	2½	42 00	26

TABLE No. 2.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Aver. wages of teachers per week.
Number 1	19	14.90	13.89	.93	16	0	1	0	$8 00
" 2	47	36.06	33.65	.93	31	3	1	3	9 00
" 3	20	15.83	14.78	.93	11	2	0	1	6 00
" 4	17	10.32	9.55	.93	10	0	2	3	8 00
" 6	12	9.42	8.82	.94	5	0	3	0	6 31
" 8	24	16.73	14.99	.90	14	1	2	0	7 00
" 9	55	42.90	38.66	.90	35	3	0	0	9 73
Primary	26	19.18	17.29	.90	19	1	1	0	6 00
Grammar	27	19.08	18.02	.94	13	0	14	0	10 16
Total and average	247	184.42	167.65	.92	154	10	24	7	$7 80

Number of children in town, May 1, 1883, between the ages of 5 and 15,	221
Whole number of different scholars in all schools for the year,	247
Average membership, " " "	184
Average attendance, " " "	168
Percentage of attendance, " " "	.92
Number between 8 and 14 years, " "	154
over 15 years, " "	24
under 5 years, " "	10
neither absent or tardy, " "	7
Average wages of teachers, per week,	$ 7.80

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1885.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$680 00	
County tax,	332 15	
Schools,	1,800 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,400 00	
Bridges and Railings,	250 00	
Printing,	50 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Incidentals,	300 00	
Repairs of school houses,	150 00	
Interest on town notes,	600 00	
School incidentals,	50 00	
Interest on surplus revenue and bank,	165 09	
Overlayings,	38 21	
		$7,215 45

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 20, 1884,	$1,853 93
Corporation tax,	11 63
National bank tax,	148 72
State Aid, Chapter 301,	233 00
" " 252,	120 00
Dog tax,	114 24
Income of School Fund,	214 37
D. J. Pickering, 1882 tax,	138 50
" 1883 "	2,102 00
" 1884 "	5,088 00
Rent of Town Hall, from Feb. 20, '84, to Feb. 16, '85,	33 00
	$10,057 39

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 141 Selectmen's orders,	$5,837 98
State tax,	680 00
County tax,	332 15
Insurance on Town Farm buildings,	20 60
" Town House,	42 00
Interest on town notes,	656 48
Bradford N. Wales' note in full,	500 00
State Aid, Chapter 301,	206 00
" " 252,	240 00
Postage and stationery,	5 25
H. A. Whitney, for care of Town House from Feb. 20, '84 to Feb. 20, '85, wood and repairs,	18 79
	$8,539 25

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Nineteen outstanding notes,	$8,698 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	450 00
Due town officers,	300 00
	$9,448 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 20, 1885,	$1,518 14
Due from state aid,	45 00
military aid,	20 00
D. J. Pickering, 1882 tax,	159 28
" " 1883 "	663 27
" " 1884 "	2,127 00
	$4,532 69
Balance,	$4,915 31

R. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid	Alice A. Clark,	$230 00
	Alice A. Chilson,	210 00
	N. B. Bullard,	294 00
	Lucy B. Coolidge,	92 00
	Edward R. Esty,	286 00
	Alzie R. Hayward,	107 00
	Jennie L. Whitney,	230 00
	Inez L. Sherburne,	262 00
	Nellie M. Kelsey,	202 00
	Mattie P. Barber,	97 00
	Elizabeth Homer,	86 00
		$2,096 00

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid	Barney & Son, coal bill,	$10 50
	D. A. Wade, school fixtures,	12 29
	N. A. Cook, wood and school fixtures,	5 00
	A. E. Bullard, " "	33 49
	G. D. Rockwood, "	13 20
	Horace G. Chase, "	32 95
	Willie A. Burr "	37 38
	Varnum B. Rockwood, "	10 59
	Walter E. Whitney, "	50
	Seneca Burr, "	1 30
	N. D. Woodworth, coal bill,	3 63
		$160 83

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid	Thompson, Brown & Co.,	$ 82 78
	D. Appleton & Co.,	106 70
	Knight, Adams & Co.,	39 06
	Harper Brothers,	52 25
	A. C. Stockin,	22 50
	Clark & Maynard,	12 60
		$315 89

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid N. A. Cook,		$ 2 00
Otis Whitney & Son,		67 69
Ellis Bullard,		11 93
		$81 62

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Seneca Burr,	services as Overseer of poor,		$15 00
Ellis Bullard,	"	"	35 00
B. W. Woodbury,	"	Constable,	5 00
Luther Everton,	"	Constable,	5 00
R. F. Thayer,	"	Selectman and Treasurer,	45 00
W. A. McKean,	"	Selectman,	18 00
Orrin Chilson,	"	Selectman,	18 00
D. A. Wade,	"	Supt. of schools,	85 00
E. B. Stowe,	"	Assessor and Auditor,	33 50
A. H. Holbrook,	"	Assessor,	32 00
D. E. Wilcox,	"	"	32 00
H. A. Whitney,	"	Town Clerk,	37 75
			$361 25

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers to pay bills,	$1,342 62

PRINTING.

Paid King & Billings,	$40 75

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid Henry A. Whitney, for the care of 180 tramps at 20 cents,	$36 00

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid G. F. Hayford, labor,	$ 2 00
Charles A. Wales, plank,	17 50
M. Z. Bullard, labor,	27 65
Sabin Holbrook, "	3 58
Warren Lazell, "	4 70
Luther Everton, "	18 00
Taft, McKean & Co., labor and supplies,	38 59
F. H. Metcalf, lumber,	2 73
William H. Bright, plank,	62 92
Nathan A. Cook, lumber and labor,	6 85
Overseers of Poor, (lumber from Town Farm),	53 15
George A. Crooks, railings,	6 72
R. F. Thayer, lumber and labor,	7 94
	$251 73

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN.

Paid Amos Keach,	$37 00
Edgar Scott,	61 65
	$98 65

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid James Pyne,	$50 63
Alonzo N. Whitney,	66 10
Amos Keach,	73 50
Edgar Scott,	81 34
E. T. Norcross,	53 80
Warren Lazell,	45 00
Varnum B. Rockwood,	62 86
Willie A Burr,	53 50
Judson E. Camp,	55 05
George F. Wales,	58 05
John Jennison, gravel,	1 71
Sabin Holbrook,	43 65
Irving Wales,	60 75
George A. Crooks,	63 88
Nathan A. Cook, gravel,	5 00
William Grant, "	4 24
David F. Adams,	57 30
Milton Z. Bullard,	71 89
Hannah E. Bates, gravel,	5 64
	$913 89

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Oliver Daniels, snow bill,	$1 35
Ellis Bullard, expense on pauper affairs,	8 07
A. B. Estes, watering tub,	5 00
J. O. Wilcox, "	5 00
James Pyne, cutting bushes,	60
E. T. Norcross, snow bill,	1 35
Amos Keach, "	3 52
George W. Jennison, repairs on wagon,	2 50
Herbert Adams, damage to horse and harness,	28 00
P. P. Cook, watering tub,	5 00
W. E. Fairbanks, repairs at Almshouse,	71 34
B. W. Woodbury, " "	5 02
W. L. Billings, services	2 00
	$138 75

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriated.	*Expended.*
Support of Schools,	$2,293 70	$2,168 66
Support of Poor,	1,400 00	1,342 62
Bridges and railings,	250 00	251 73
Repairs of school houses,	150 00	81 62
Printing,	50 00	41 75
Town officers,	400 00	361 25
Town incidentals,	300 00	138 75
Interest on town notes,	600 00	656 48
School incidentals,	50 00	88 17
Repair of highways,	1,000 00	1,012 54
	$6,493 70	$6,143 59

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of Schools,	$2,000 00
Repairs of Highways,	1,000 00
Support of Poor,	1,500 00
Bridges and Railings,	250 00
Printing,	50 00
Town officers,	400 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	50 00
Interest on outstanding notes,	600 00
Guide posts,	50 00
Repairs on Town buildings,	250 00
	$6,450 00

We would call the attention of the town to the condition of the guide boards, which are in need of immediate repair, and many new ones must be erected.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
NATHAN A. COOK,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM Feb. 20, 1885.

1½ tons English hay,	$30	00	1 horse rake,	$ 5	00
2¼ tons meadow hay,	25	00	1 grindstone,	3	00
1 ton oat straw,	15	00	1 wheelbarrow,	3	00
Corn fodder,	10	00	32 fowls,	16	00
1 sleigh,	8	00	½ ton coal,	3	50
1 hay cutter,	1	50	10 cords of wood,	35	00
Meal bags,	3	00	20 cords wood for market,	80	00
Horse blanket and surcingle	2	00	145 feet 2-inch plank,	3	50
8 bushels meal and rye,	4	50	1 pulley and rope,	2	75
2 harnesses,	30	00	Baskets,		50
1 horse,	125	00	4 cords small wood,	4	00
4 cows,	190	00	2 nose baskets,		40
2 yearlings,	30	00	1 scythe and 3 snaths,	1	50
4 pigs,	30	00	1 set of measures,	1	00
2 ladders and hooks,	5	00	25 posts,	2	50
1 farm wagon,	65	00	600 feet of poles,	6	00
1 two-horse wagon,	40	00	800 feet chestnut in log,	12	80
2 sleds,	10	00	2000 feet pine in log,	12	00
1 express wagon,	20	00	Sugar,	2	50
7 chains and 2 iron bars,	4	00	Molasses,		60
4 ox yokes,	1	00	⅔ bbl. of flour,	4	00
5 manure forks,	2	00	Salt,		50
4 hay forks and 1 hay puller,	1	00	Butter,	1	05
3 axes, butts and wedges,	3	00	65 lbs. lard,	8	00
2 bill hooks,	1	25	360 lbs. salt pork,	43	20
5 wrenches and 1 hammer,	2	50	2½ lbs. tea,	1	13
3 wood saws,	1	50	1½ lbs. coffee,		45
2 shovels, 4 hoes,	3	00	200 gals. cider,	18	00
3 harrows, 1 cultivator,	12	00	13 barrels,	7	00
2 whiffletrees,	1	50	160 gals. vinegar,	24	00
2 cranberry rakes,	1	50	190 lbs. ham and shoulders,	24	00
Sweet and pop corn,	6	00	1½ bbls. pickles,	11	40
Old iron,	2	00	65 lbs. corn beef,	5	20
2 plows,	14	00	25 lbs. fresh meat,	2	50
1 ox wagon,	15	00	30 bush. potatoes,	18	00

5 bush. beets,	$ 3 75	4 tubs, 1 wringer,	$ 3 75
45 bush. turnips,	18 00	1 Lincoln creamer,	33 00
Carrots and parsnips,	5 00	1 churn,	1 00
Onions,	2 50	1 ice chest,	2 00
5 bbls. apples,	5 00	Soap,	3 00
200 lbs. cabbages,	2 00	20 lbs. dried apple,	2 00
Beans,	8 00	Tobacco,	50
2 gals. oil, 3 wash boards,	70		
			$1,168 93

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

801 lbs. butter,	$235 61
Wood,	222 90
Stock,	120 61
Pork,	105 98
Garden Produce,	58 33
Board and keeping peddlers,	40 05
Eggs,	29 69
Potatoes,	20 00
Milk,	13 23
Apples,	8 95
Pickles and vinegar,	2 38
Beef, $6.44; 1 Hide, $3.74,	10 18
	$867 91

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Barton Cook, superintendent, one year's salary,	$500 00
Grain,	302 89
Stock,	93 45
13 bbls. flour,	87 10
Meat,	87 04
Fertilizer, $49.00; hay, $40.00,	89 00
Clothing, $40.91; shoes, $17.05,	57 96
Cutting wood and other labor on farm,	32 89
Sugar,	31 75
Fish, $30.47; Salt, $4.98,	35 45
Tea and coffee,	25 06
Repairs and material,	24 57
Hay and garden seeds,	24 50
Blacksmithing, $15.37; farming tools, $12.77,	28 14
Coal, $12.00; farm wagon, $65.00,	77 00
Tobacco, $7.47; medicine, $4.74,	12 21
Ice, $14.70; molasses, $9.30,	24 00
Spices, raisins, rice, starch, etc.,	8 33
Sweet potatoes, $1.25; cheese, 2.02,	3 27

Crackers, $9.71; beans, $2.40,	12 11
Butter, $3.00; soap, $8.50,	11 50
Matches and oil, $2.90; lemons, 74c,.	3 64
Tin ware, $6.25; crockery, $1.50,	7 75
Grinding grain, $1.87; butchering, $7.85,	9 72
Pork and cider bbls., $7.50; making cider, $5.72,	13 22
Stationery, $1.22; sundries, $3.34,	4 56
	$1,607 11

AID TO PAUPERS OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE.

George Hixon, at Worcester Insane hospital,	$189 16
Joseph Cross, " " "	158 05
Margaret Welch,	43 30
Martha Hayford and child, at South Abington,	69 60
Ellery White and wife, of Worcester,	53 50
Osborne Aldrich, of Blackstone,	11 04
Andrew J. Tingley, wife and four children,	9 00
Mary Read, state pauper,	7 62
Thomas Crook, "	7 34
Thomas Matthews and wife, state paupers,	3 00
John Powers, wife and three children, at Milford,	18 25
	$569 86

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH OVERSEERS OF POOR.

For amount of cash on hand, Feb. 20, '84,	$ 3 98	For expense at farm,			$1,607 11
drawn on Town treasury,	1,342 62	Outside aid,	487 36		
of income from farm,	867 91	amount paid other cities and towns,	64 54		
received from Worcester,	39 07	amount paid state paupers,	17 96		
" " Blackstone,	11 04				$569 86
		Printing, stationrey and postage,			10 02
		Medical attendance,			4 00
		" old bill,			2 25
		Cash on hand,			71 38
	$2264 62				$2264 62

Due from state on account of state paupers, $17.96.

There have been 15 different persons at the farm during the year. Average for the year, $12\frac{1}{73}$.

W. E. FAIRBANKS,
GEO. E. HUNTER,
B. W. WOODBURY,
} Overseers of the Poor of Bellingham.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1884-85.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1885.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1884.

GEO. D. ROCKWOOD, VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, SENECA BURR,	Term expires 1885.
ADDISON E. BULLARD, HORACE CHASE, DANIEL A. WADE,	Term expires 1886.
NATHAN A. COOK,	Term expires 1887.

REPORT.

The School Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Once more we have the pleasure of announcing that the schools have been in session thirty-two weeks; at the same time we are sorry to announce that many of our citizens have not taken advantage of these privileges but have kept their children out of school, some with the plea that they needed the assistance of the children to support the family, while others have had no satisfactory excuse for so doing. It may be well to state that the School Committee have chosen truant officers, not merely to comply with the law, but to be employed in the case of necessity. The causes that may lead to such a necessity are not the fault of the children in many cases, but the fault of the parent.

The Committee are under obligations to the law to see that the children attend school a specified number of weeks yearly, (twenty weeks). Think it not strange then if a truant officer visit those families where the requirements of the law are not complied with.

The special feature of the school year has been the purchase of books, and furnishing them to the schools in compliance with the law, quoted below:

SEC. 1. The School Committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools, free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody, as the School Committee may prescribe.

SEC. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act, shall not be supplied with similar books by the Committee until needed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August 1884.

This led to the spending of money for an object where the town made no appropriation. We have expended this year, $315.95 for this purpose, and an appropriation of at least $100 next year will be needed for this same purpose.

Some of the text-books as stated last year, not being in all respects satisfactory, the present was thought the best time to make any needed changes, since it added no additional burden to the present and would save the town a possible expense at a future time.

The changes are as follows: Bradbury's Eaton's arithmetics have taken the place of White's arithmetic. The present series is one of two books, well bound in cloth, containing material, for giving an education, equal if not superior to the old series. The expense is very little more, and the probable wear of the books is far greater.

Harrington's Spellers, published by Harper Brothers, have taken the place of Monroe's. They came to us highly recommended and have proved an agreeable change to most of our teachers. This change has been a saving one to the town, the present book costing a little over one-third the cost of the old book.

The writing books have also been changed, the main object in this case was the placing of a different copy before the pupil.

The repair committee have expended their money largely upon two school houses, Nos. 1 and 6. No. 1, has been shingled and No. 6 was painted, both inside and outside. The blackboards in every school in town have been re-slated and an effort at least made to put them in good working order.

The new law has placed an additional burden upon your committee, the care of a large number of school books, as well as the furnishing of all school supplies, (paper, pens, pencils, etc.), and they would ask the parents to co-operate with them in the attempt to provide these things for the pupils at the lowest possible price. They can do this by teaching their children to use the text-books carefully and to avoid any waste of paper, pencils, etc.

In October, the State Board of Education held an Institute in the Baptist church, a lecture in the evening by Hon. John W. Dickinson, Secretary of the Sate Board, and the following day

the agents of the State Board gave instruction on methods of teaching. Teachers from Franklin, Medway, Milford, Blackstone and Mendon were present. The closing of the schools on this day we believe was a benefit to the town. We would thank the citizens for the kindness with which they provided the collation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The town treasurer has received for school purposes:

Income of State School Fund,	$214 37	
" Dog Tax,	114 24	
" Surplus Revenue,	140 00	
" School Bank,	25 09	
Town appropriation,	1800 00	
		$2293 70

The treasurer has expended:

Wages of teachers and care of school houses,	$2096 00	
Fuel,	72 66	
		$2168 66
Amount unexpended,		$125 04
Appropriations for repairs,	$150 00	
Expended,	110 32	
Amount unexpended,		$39 68
The amount appropriated for incidental expenses was	$50 00	
The treasurer has expended	59 47	
An outlay beyond the appropriation of		$9 47

SCHOOLS.

It hardly seems necessary to notice each school separately ; as little fault has been found this year with the schools, on the whole, as for several years. Your committee believe the cause of this has been due largely to the teachers who have filled the several positions. The committee have known of only a few cases of dissatisfaction.

No. 1

Is still under the management of Miss Inez L. Sherburne. We feel as if some one ought to be congratulated, for it seems hardly in agreement with human nature that one teacher should teach year after year in the same school room and surrounded by the same pupils and neighbors and give good satisfaction to committee, pupils, parents and neighbors. Such we believe to be the case at No. 1.

No. 2.

Miss Nannie B. Bullard has been with this school the entire year. A teacher of some years' experience, she has seemed to enforce good discipline and the progress in studies has been commendable. Her experience has been in graded schools, and the work of an ungraded one, with scholars ranging from four years of age to seventeen has at times seemed quite a task. Let those who think it easy try it.

No. 3.

No change has been made in the teacher here ; Miss Alice A. Clarke still holds the position. This is her second year. A few unpleasant murmurs reached our ears the first term, but we believe even the echo died away long ago. It speaks well for home talent to be able to teach in the very community where the home is.

No. 4.

The new teacher for this school is one whose name has been in our school report before, Miss Jennie L. Whitney. The reputation she held last year at No. 6, has not been lost in her present school. Good order, good lessons in term time, and good examinations have been thus far her experience in town.

No. 5.

A decided change has been made in this section of the town. The graded schools have been ungraded, or in other words are under one teacher. We have had three different teachers, but none of them feel satisfied with what they have accomplished. They feel that they have worked hard enough, but six hours hasn't seemed long enough to do justice to the recitations.

Miss Alzie R. Hayward taught the first term, giving good satisfaction, her reputation had already been gained in town, and our only disappointment was when we learned that she had accepted another position.

Miss Mattie P. Barber taught the second term; her health the latter part of the term hindered her in the performance of faithful work.

It was decided for the third term to secure the services of a male teacher, and Mr. Edward R. Esty who had already taught two years in town, was transferred to this school, and is filling, we believe, the place.

No. 6.

Miss Alice A. Chilson has been at the head of this school throughout the year. This was her first experience in teaching. From what has been accomplished we see no reason why it should be her last.

No. 7.

Two teachers have been here; Miss Lucy C. Coolidge remaining only the first term, and then accepting a better position. The remainder of the year Mrs. Nellie M. Kelsey has taught, a teacher of experience who has controlled the school, who knows what she wants to teach, and teaches it. She has done good work for her pupils.

No. 8.

Mr. Edward R. Esty remained the first two terms in this school, satisfying the committee so well that he was transferred to No. 5 at the beginning of the third term. Miss E. S. Homer became his successor. As far as the committee have been able to judge, satisfactory work is being done.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

No. 1. Mabel Rockwood, Hattie L. Williams, Clara L. Thayer, Hattie L. Albee, Bertha V. Albee, Jennie L. Davis, Willie H. Davis.

No. 2. Edith Stowe, Willie Wight, Lovell Stowe, Willie Miett, Ernest Richards, Fred Richards, Walter McKean, Fred Gould, Cyrus Gould, Charlie Fisher, Arthur Nugent, Herbert Camp.

No. 3. Walter H. Thayer, Stevie B. Clarke, Fred W. Tingley, Tilla J. Cooke, Jennie Tingley, Ethel M. Spencer, Cora M. Tingley, Hattie M. Cooke.

No. 4. Bertie Chilson, Clifton Trask, Hiram Crooks, Bertie Trask, Charlie Fiske, Irene Fiske, Sadie Billings, Elsie Trask.

No. 5. Alice V. Blake, Ethel M. Cooke, Walter Cooke, Charlie Marble.

No. 6. Grace Pickering, Susie Pickering, Nellie Pickering, Freddie Rhodes, David Ledoux.

No. 7. Horace Grant, Earl Grant, Maud Grant.

No. 8. Robert J. Jillson, Kate Allen, Sarah J. Allen, Jennie M. Kimball, Amelia E. Pickering, Florence E. Pickering.

SECOND TERM.

No. 1. Mabel Rockwood, Hattie L. Williams, Clara L. Thayer, Amelia J. Gardner, Bertha V. Albee, Frank C. Albee, Eddie Nelligan.

No. 2. Edith Stowe, Annie Stowe, Herbert Camp, Charlie Fisher, Arthur Nugent, Ernest Richards.

No. 3. Stevie B. Clarke, Ethel Spencer, Lottie Clarke, Ella Spencer.

No. 4. Charlie F. Fiske, Bertie L. Trask, Clifton R. Trask, Bertie O. Chilson, Sadie E. Billings, Irene Fiske, Elsie Trask.

No. 5. Ida M. Bates, Alice V. Blake, Ethel M. Cooke, Eva L. Whitney, Florence A. Whitney, Albert A. Hancock, Charlie E. Marble, Willie White, Ernest A. Whitney, Oscar L. Whitney, Walter E. Whitney.

No. 6. Grace Pickering, Susie A. Pickering, Nellie L. Pickering, Pearl L. Chilson, Peter Ledoux, David Ledoux.

No. 7. Herbert Arnold, Garrett Fitzpatrick, Maurice Savage, Minnie Coombs, Mabel Drake, Ann Jane Foley, Grace Grant, Grace St.George.

THIRD TERM.

No. 1. Hattie L. Williams, Bertha V. Albee, Frank C. Albee.

No. 2. Edith Stowe, Herbert Camp, Ernest Richards.

No. 3. Stevie B. Clarke, Tilla Cooke, Lottie Clarke, Ethel Spencer, Jennie Cooke, Ella Spencer.

No. 4. Sadie Billings, Irene Fiske, Arthur Dowd, Bertie L. Trask, Charlie F. Fiske.

No. 5. Alice V. Blake, Ethel M. Cooke, Walter A. Cooke, Oscar L. Whitney.

No. 6. Pearl L. Chilson, David Ledoux.

No. 7. Frank Arnold, Herbert Arnold, Jason Whitney, Maggie Ryan.

No. 8. Willie Scott, George Green, Kate Allen, Amelia Pickering, Sarah J. Allen.

FOR THE YEAR.

No. 1. Hattie L. Williams, Bertha V. Albee.

No. 2. Edith Stowe, Herbert Camp, Ernest Richards.

No. 3. Stevie Clarke, Ethel Spencer.

No. 4. Sadie Billings, Bertie L. Trask, Charlie F. Fiske.

No. 5. Alice V. Blake, Ethel M. Cooke.

No. 6. David Ledoux.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL A. WADE,
Superintendent of Schools.

NATHAN A. COOK, Chairman.
ADDISON E. BULLARD, Secretary.
GEORGE D. ROCKWOOD,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
SENECA BURR,
HORACE CHASE,
School Committee.

TABLE No. 1.

STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1884.

Schools.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Visitors.
	FIRST TERM.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne,	19	18.01	17.09	.95	8	7	2½	$32 00	14
No. 2.	Nannie B. Bullard,	33	32.	30.62	.96	18	12	2½	36 00	14
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke,	19	18.58	17.77	.96	16	8	2½	28 00	10
No. 4.	Jennie L. Whitney,	11	9.20	8.63	.94	8	8	2½	28 00	34
No. 5.	Alzie R. Hayward,	29	27.75	26.34	.95	21	4	2½	42 00	14
No. 6.	Alice A. Chilson,	11	9.75	9.43	.97	6	5	2½	24 00	37
No. 7.	Lucy C. Coolidge,	40	36.33	32.23	.88	27	3	2½	36 00	10
No. 8.	Edward R. Esty,	23	15.98	14.41	.90	17	6	2½	32 00	8
	SECOND TERM.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne,	23	18.65	18.28	.98	13	7	2½	32 00	20
No. 2.	Nannie B. Bullard,	30	28.75	26.07	.91	16	6	2½	36 00	7
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke,	14	14.	13.72	.98	9	4	2½	28 00	17
No. 4.	Jennie L. Whitney,	10	8.48	8.33	.98	8	7	2½	28 00	52
No. 5.	Mattie P. Barber,	40	34.8	33.07	.95	23	11	2½	38 00	17
No. 6.	Alice A. Chilson,	13	12.33	11.43	.93	5	6	2½	24 00	25
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey,	46	40.67	36.67	.90	24	8	2½	36 00	11
No. 8.	Edward R. Esty,	24	23.	21.05	.91	16	0	2½	32 00	20
	THIRD TERM.									
No. 1.	Inez L. Sherburne,	19	12.95	11.68	.90	9	3	3	32 00	28
No. 2.	Nannie B. Bullard,	38	34.67	30.93	.89	23	3	3	36 00	12
No. 3.	Alice A. Clarke,	14	14.	13.26	.90	9	6	3	28 00	21
No. 4.	Jennie L. Whitney,	12	11.67	9.95	.85	11	5	3	28 00	16
No. 5.	Edward R. Esty,	34	27.23	24.37	.89	16	4	3	40 00	18
No. 6.	Alice A. Chilson,	13	12.	10.26	.85	4	2	3	28 00	18
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey,	42	32.72	28.08	.86	27	4	3	36 00	11
No. 8.	Elizabeth S. Homer,	25	22.67	20.95	.92	14	5	3	28 00	29

TABLE No. 2.

STATISTICS FOR 1884.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 Years of age.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Number 1, . .	20	16.54	15.68	.94+	13	0	3	2	$8 00
" 2, . .	44	31.81	29.21	.92	26	1	5	3	9 00
" 3, . .	20	15.53	14.92	.95—	11	4	0	2	7 00
" 4, . .	14	9.78	8.97	.92+	11	0	0	3	7 00
" 5, . .	41	29.93	27.93	.93	31	2	5	2	10 00
" 6, . .	16	11.36	10.37	.92—	7	1	3	1	6 37½
" 7, . .	54	36.57	32.33	.88	32	1	0	0	9 00
" 8, . .	28	20.55	18.80	.91	20	0	2	0	7 62½
Total and Average.	237	172.07	158.21	.92+	151	9	18	14	$8 00

Number of children in town, May 1, '84, between the ages of 5 and 15,	197
Whole number of different scholars in all schools for the year,	237
Average membership " " "	172.07
Average attendance, " " "	158.21
Percentage of attendance, " " "	.92+
Number between 8 and 14 years, " "	151
over 15 years, " "	18
under 5 years, " "	9
neither absent nor tardy, " "	14
Average wages of teachers, per week,	$8.00.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 1887.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1887.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1886.

Date.		Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Feb.	1.	George Edward Fitzpatrick,	Maurice and Maria Fitzpatrick.
	13.	Henry McCarty,	John and Mary McCarty.
	15.	Helen Clark Richards,	Moses C. and Mary E. Richards.
	18.	George P. Phillips,	Charles J. and Orinda Phillips.
	28.	James Alexander Beach,	Willie E. and Jennie Beach.
March	20.	Lida May Spencer,	James A. and Emma Spencer.
	31.	John Joseph Desmond,	Cornelius and Mary Desmond.
April	7.	Mary Bridget Readon,	Eugene and Mary Readon.
	12.	Ada Mikle Trask,	Alba and Susan M. Trask.
	14.	Charles Edward McWhinnie,	Robert and Margaret McWhinnie.
	16.	Etta Murphy,	John and Maggie Murphy.
	26.	Margaret Tracy Foley,	Timothy and Mary Foley.
	30.	Lester Clark Osborn,	George R. and Alice A. Osborn.
	30.	Freddie Raymond Daniels,	Frank E. and Eva F. Daniels.
May	11.	Flora Emma Gardner,	Oliver W. and Adelaide Gardner.
June	7.	Roby Eliza Staples,	George A. and Etta G. Staples.
	11.	Laura Violet Koerner,	Herman and Mary Koerner.
July	12.	Lottie May Gay,	Edward F. and Jennie Gay.
Aug.	14.	Ella Gertrude Rockwood,	Ruel A. and Nettie M. Rockwood.
Sept.	4.	Joseph Edward Williams,	George A. and Katie E. Williams.
	12.	—— Davis,	Wm. H. and Julia A. Davis.
Nov.	8.	John Henry Kennelly,	John and Adeline Kennelly.
	10.	May Florence White,	Warren E. and Grace C. White.
	17.	Salena Doupres,	John and Mary Doupres.
	22.	—— Wells,	Wm. H. and Mary E. Wells.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1886.

Date.		Name of Parties.	Residence.
Feb.	6.	Charles B. Bemis,	Bellingham.
		Mrs. Mahala G. Brayer,	Bangor, Me.
	17.	Joseph S. Cherry,	Bellingham.
		Mary A. Chichester,	"
	17.	Edward R. Esty,	Blackstone.
		Mary E. Engley,	"
April	13.	Edward B. Metcalf,	Bellingham.
		Hattie Bullard,	Medway.
	14.	Charles E. Smith,	Milford.
		Helen F. Claflin,	Bellingham.
May	29.	Walter M. Newhall,	Mendon.
		Jennie B. Everton,	Bellingham.
June	1.	John Smith,	Franklin.
		Ellen Cavanagh,	Bellingham.
	16.	Wm. O. Rhodes,	"
		Mrs. Lizzie B. Adams,	Franklin.
	27.	Wm. Grant,	Bellingham.
		Mrs. Sarah H. McClintock,	"
Sept.	29.	John Fitzgerald,	Somerville.
		Mary Dewire,	Bellingham.
Nov.	22.	George B. Colburne,	"
		Fannie M. Eldridge,	"
Dec.	7.	George S. Bent,	"
		Avis Jacobs,	Franklin.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1886.

Date.		Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan.	9.	Jonathan Wright,	66	9	4
	17.	Margaret Darling,	76	8	24
	17.	John Bates,	84	0	15
	21.	Stella May Hixon,	6	7	0
Feb.	14.	Amelia Darling,	65	0	0
	15.	Daniel J. Pickering,	75	0	15
	16.	Dianthia Gardner,	53	0	0
	26.	Laura B. Allen,	41	6	26
Mar.	21.	John Hoag,	64	9	11
	26.	Willis Gould,	3	5	17
April	8.	Mary Readon,	29	11	0
	20.	Emeline Scott,	67	10	18
June	27.	Charles Edward McWhinnie,		2	13
July	26.	George P. Phillips,		5	8
Aug.	4.	James Foley,		11	6
	25.	Alpheus W. Pratt,	55	6	1
	26.	L. Estella Nujent,	15	7	24
Sept.	15.	—— Davis,			1
	22.	Julia A. Davis,	31	5	28
	24.	Jennie F. Richardson,	40	7	
Oct.	18.	Mary B. Readon,		6	11
Nov.	13.	Rosina Perham,	79	3	12
	23.	—— Wells,			1
Dec.	3.	Adams J. Barbour,	85	1	7
	20.	Caroline R. Bates,	73	7	25

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

DOGS.

74 male dogs licensed at $2.00,		$148 00
10 female dogs licensed at $5.00,		50 00
		$198 00
Fees for license, 20 cents each,	$16 80	
" return and oath,	2 40	
		19 20
		$178 80

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

STATISTICS FROM THE ASSESSORS' BOOKS.

Total valuation of real estate, May 1, 1886,		$465,915 00
" " personal estate, May 1, 1886,		116,440 00
		$582,355 00
Total valuation, real, 1885,	$464,480 00	
" " personal,	110,355 00	
		$574,835 00
Gain,		$7,520 00
Total tax, 1886,		$8,157 29
Rate per $1,000,		13 00

	1885.	1886.
Number of polls, May 1,	312	293
" horses,	190	197
" cows,	366	390
" young stock,	83	100
" sheep,	19	18
" dwellings,	293	292
" acres of land,	10,989	10,875

Total number of the tax payers,	542
" " paying tax on property,	423
" " " poll tax only,	119

E. B. STOWE,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
SENECA BURR,
Assessors of Bellingham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$480 00	
County tax,	325 70	
Schools,	1800 00	
Support of poor,	1615 44	
Highways,	1000 00	
Bridges and railings,	600 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Interest on town notes,	450 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Repairs of public buidings,	300 00	
Town incidentals,	300 00	
School "	150 00	
Printing,	50 00	
Cook avenue extension	25 00	
Guide boards.	10 00	
		$8,006 14

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 16, 1886,	$2,334 92
Corporation tax,	7 47
National bank tax,	128 31
State aid, Chapter 301,	214 50
" " 252,	99 00
Income of school fund,	213 16
Dog tax,	159 35
Received for temporary support of state pauper.	6 00
" from Amos Keach, lumber sold,	6 65
" " Henry A. Whitney, income from town house to Feb. 20, 1887,	17 23
" " Ruel F. Thayer, collector 1884 tax,	254 52
" " Calvin Fairbanks, " 1885 tax,	1,933 98
" " " " 1886 tax,	6,005 82
	$11,380 91

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 174 Selectmen's orders,	$7,260 68
State tax,	480 00
County tax,	325 70
Interest on town notes,	508 00
Nathan A. Cook on Mrs. Nelson's note,	236 00
State aid, Chapter 301,	256 00
" " 252,	168 00
Insurance on No. 2 schoolhouse,	9 40
" " 7 "	28 00
for postage stamps,	1 00
for travelling expenses,	6 00
	$9,278 78

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Nineteen outstanding notes,	$8,312 56
Interest on outstanding notes,	300 00
Due town officers,	400 00
	$9,012 56

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 21, 1887,	$2,104 13
Due from state aid,	24 00
military aid,	14 00
Ruel F. Thayer, 1883 tax,	33 27
" 1884 tax,	691 48
Calvin Fairbanks, 1885 tax,	1,225 60
" 1886 tax,	2,151 47
	$6,241 95
Balance,	$2,770 61

RUEL F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I find the above report properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. B. STOWE.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid E. E. Worthen,	$360 00
Clara I. Gould,	448 00
Nellie M. Kelsey,	90 00
Laura M. Cook,	74 00
Edward R. Esty,	234 00
Lydia A. Harris,	442 00
Mamie Billings,	316 00
Alice A. Burr,	74 00
Ella Chilson,	151 00
Alice Meader,	230 00
Winnie L. Cook,	209 00
Hattie Osgood,	193 00
Gilbert Drake,	4 00
Michael Ryan,	4 00
Charles Fiske,	4 00
	$2833 00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid L. L. Chilson,	$3 66
Nathan A. Cook,	64 39
Harper & Brothers,	22 30
D. Appleton & Co.,	12 50
Harrison Humes,	12 00
Boston School Supply Co.,	10 64
Cowperthwait & Co.,	5 85
Thompson & Brown,	4 20
	$135 54

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid A. E. Bullard,	$3 25
Willie A. Burr,	40 75
A. G. Burr,	6 00
Frank C. Albee,	4 00
S. F. Coombs,	7 88

J. M. Drake,	2 00
George A. Staples,	10 50
E. W. Woodbury,	7 50
Calvin Fairbanks,	2 50
Martin Rockwood,	4 75
Daniel G. Marston,	7 50
Nathan A. Cook,	3 78
Ray Woolen Co.,	15 62
	$116 03

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Ruel F. Thayer,	Selectman, Treasurer, Registrar,	$61 00
Wm. A. McKean,	" Registrar,	28 00
Nathan A. Cook,	" Assessor, Supt. of schools,	142 00
E. B. Stowe,	Assessor and Auditor,	37 50
O. C. Rhodes,	"	26 25
Seneca Burr,	"	27 50
Henry A. Whitney,	Constable and Town Clerk,	66 57
George A. Williams,	"	5 00
B. W Woodbury,	Overseer of Poor and Constable,	20 00
W. E. Fairbanks,	"	35 00
George E. Hunter,	"	15 00
Nathan A. Cook, Henry A. Whitney,	Forest Fire Wards,	4 50
		$468 32

REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid Horace G. Chase, School-house Repairs,	$1 25
O. C. Rhodes,	4 10
Nathan A. Cook,	34 02
S. F. Metcalf,	5 75
M. P. Thayer,	50
Woonsocket Spool & Bobbin Co.,	14 26
F. H. Metcalf,	8 30
Charles Lee,	2 00
Francis Metcalf,	21 00
Harris & Perrigo, Town House,	24 68
Overseers of Poor, Town Farm barn,	149 26
F. H. Metcalf, Lumber,	7 79
Ruel A. Rockwood, School House,	11 51
" Hearse "	2 09
Ellis Bullard, Setting glass, Town House,	2 00
Amos Keach, grading around, "	12 00
	$300 51

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers to pay bills,	$1,710 01

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings,	$63 00

SUPPORT OF TRAMPS.

Paid Henry A. Whitney for year ending Feb. 16, 1885,	$15 20
" " " " " " Feb. 16, 1886,	29 01
" " " " " " Feb. 16, 1887,	39 80
	$84 01

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Willie A. Burr,	$337 48
" " " removing snow,	15 75
Amos Keach,	348 83
" " removing snow,	18 25
Judson E. Camp,	333 34
" " ", extension of Cook Avenue,	26 50
" " " use of road machine,	15 00
	$1095 15

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid Woonsocket Spool & Bobbin Co.,	$9 17
Nathan A. Cook,	4 00
Amos Keach,	102 27
Judson E. Camp,	224 55
W. H. Bright,	12 35
Willie A. Burr,	5 00
F. H. Metcalf,	1 80
	$359 14

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid S. F. Metcalf, old bill,	$5 70
Joseph Fiske, snow bill,	90
Edgar Scott, old bill,	18 83
" " snow bill,	7 44
" " plank for bridge,	19 80
E. H. Davis, highway bill,	6 30
Henry A. Pickering, highway bill,	1 20
S. A. Adams, snow bill,	2 52
E. T. Norcross, snow bill,	2 43
Albert Estes, watering tub,	5 00

J. O. Wilcox, watering tub,	5 00
P. P. Cook, " "	5 00
Hannah E. Bates, gravel,	3 60
Mrs. L. Rockwood, "	2 76
Thomas Groom & Co., Town record book,	7 50
Dr. M. W. Knight, Professional services,	2 00
	$95 98

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriated	*Expended.*
Support of Schools,	$2,400 82	$2,833 00
Support of Poor	1,615 14	1,677 16
Repair of public buildings,	300 00	225 51
" " highways,	1,025 00	1,095 15
" " bridges and railings,	600 00	359 14
Town Officers,	400 00	468 32
Town incidentals,	300 00	231 52
School incidentals,	150 00	116 03
Printing,	50 00	63 00
Interest on Town notes.	450 00	508 00
Town debt,	500 00	
	$7,790 96	$7,576 83

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of Schools,	$2000 00
Support of Poor,	1400 00
Repair of highways,	1000 00
Interest on Town notes.	400 00
Town Officers.	400 00
Bridges and Railings,	300 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repairs on Town buildings,	200 00
Printing,	50 00
	$6200 00

A few of the guide boards are in need of repair.

RUEL F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
N. H. COOK,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

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E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, Feb. 19, 1887.

6 tons English hay,	$120 00	3 axes,	2 50
1-2 ton meadow hay,	5 00	2 cranberry rakes,	2 50
2 horses,	250 00	1 whiffletree, 1 evener,	2 25
1 th'ghbred no-horn bull,	50 00	Old iron,	2 00
5 cows,	250 00	4 chains, 2 iron bars,	4 00
2 yearlings,	30 00	2 ladders and hook,	5 00
1 sow,	25 00	3 scythes, 3 snaths,	3 00
7 shoats,	42 00	Sleighs,	8 00
1 set double harnesses,	25 00	2 sleds,	10 00
2 single harnesses,	20 00	1 2-horse wagon,	70 00
Haycutter,	8 00	1 1-horse "	65 00
Block and tackle,	7 00	1 express "	7 00
Wheelbarrow,	3 00	6 bushels rye,	5 00
Cart body,	9 00	Shell corn,	5 00
Mowing machine,	55 00	Fire wood,	32 00
Lincoln creamer and can,	33 00	400 feet oak plank,	8 00
Churn,	10 00	45 bushels potatoes,	31 50
Grain cradle,	2 75	Vegetables,	10 00
3 harrows and cultivator,	12 00	2 barrels soap,	20 00
2 plows,	14 00	240 gallons vinegar,	28 80
4 hand rakes, drag and horse rake,	3 00	1 pair ice tongs,	1 25
4 manure forks,	1 50	1-2 barrel pork,	9 00
Hay-knife and 4 forks,	2 50	2 barrels apples,	4 00
Iron rake, 3 hoes, 3 shovels, 2 potato diggers, 1 manure fork, 2 corn cutters,	6 00	4 bushels beans,	6 40
		50 lbs hams and shoulder,	6 00
		1-2 barrel pickles,	4 00
		1 barrel flour,	5 50
Grindstone,	1 00	Sugar,	1 00
2 wrenches and hammer,	2 00	Butter,	1 50
2 bill hooks,	1 00	90 pounds lard,	9 00
Cross-cut saw,	2 25	Salt,	40
Meat saw and knives,	2 50	Sweet corn,	2 00
Carpenters' tools,	9 80	Coal,	7 00
Stone hammer and drill,	3 50	Set of measures,	1 00
		2 nose baskets,	40

5 tubs,	3 00	Salt fish,	2 00
Oil and washboards,	70	Meal bags,	3 00
13 barrels,	6 00	Horse blankets and surcingles,	6 00
3 meat barrels,	3 00	Ice,	30 00
Scalding tub,	1 00		
Powder and fuse,	1 00		$1,446 19
9-hand grenades,	7 69		

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

For merchandise sold,	$646 11

EXPENDITURES.

Paid E. W. Woodbury, salary,	$400 00
Supplies for farm,	1,253 04
	$1,653 04

OUTSIDE AID.

George Cherry at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$208 42
Joseph Cross, " " "	169 98
Libbeus Chilson and family at Unionville,	136 58
Temporary aid,	111 00
Edward F. Gay and family, state paupers,	26 25
Mrs. Wm. E. Beach and two children,	6 00
Julius L. Johnson of Milford,	12 00
	$670 23

OVERSEERS IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN FARM.

Cr.		Dr.	
By expense at farm,	$1653 04	To balance on hand, Feb. 17, 1886,	$ 3 54
outside aid,	670 23	receipts from farm,	646 11
repairs on farm,	149 26	amount from treasurer,	1710 01
cash on hand, Feb. 19, 1887,	36 39	" " "	149 26
	$2508 92		$2508 92

W. E. FAIRBANKS,
GEO. E. HUNTER,
N. H. COOK,
} Overseers of Bellingham.

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E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE,
1887.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1886.

NATHAN A. COOK,	Term expires 1887.
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,	Term expires 1888.
ORAMEL RICHARDSON,	Term expires 1889.

REPORT.

Your committee having attended to the duties assigned them, report the progress, success, and wants of the schools committed to their charge the past year.

The several schools, with the exception of No. 6, have been kept thirty-two weeks. We have endeavored to retain each faithful teacher, and the success of these schools has proved the wisdom of this course.

The teacher who enters a school for the first time must take nearly half the term to learn the wants, capacity, and disposition of the pupils under her charge; and the pupil is at the same time learning the mode of instruction and discipline of the teacher.

The teacher who has the school the previous term, has learned the wants, capacities and disposition of each pupil, and is prepared to deal with them so as to produce the desired result.

The pupil has learned the teachers mode of instruction and is ready, at the commencement of the term, to continue his studies with success.

The discipline in all our schools has been good; only two or three cases of trouble have been reported to us or have come to our knowledge.

The law requires teachers to teach good behavior, and we have enjoined our teachers to see that good order be maintained in their respective schools, and have assured them that the committee would support them in all proper and lawful means to preserve the discipline of the school.

The child must be taught to *use* the knowledge he acquires at school for some good and noble purpose or he has learned in vain; and if used by him for a *bad* purpose, it were better that he remain in ignorance all his life.

Our prisons hold many learned men whose education has been their curse because they put it to a bad use.

We find in our prisons "the wisest, brightest, *meanest* of mankind."

We have endeavored to impress upon our teachers the duty at all proper times and in all proper ways of teaching their pupils the principles of truth, benevolence, humanity and justice; to do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

The great truths uttered by one of our distinguished educators, should be written in letters of living light on the walls of every school-room: "Human happiness has no perfect security but *freedom*; freedom, none but *virtue*: virtue, none but *knowledge*; and neither freedom, nor virtue, nor knowledge has any vigor, or immortal hope, except in the principles of the Christian faith, and the sanction of the Christian religion."

Improved methods of instruction have been introduced in *all* our schools with gratifying results. The methods used in the "dark ages" have given place to better, and more enlightened methods, demanded by the age in which we live.

The A. B. C. method of olden time has given place to the word method, or the phonic, or the two methods combined, and the result is shown in the more rapid advancement of pupils in the primary departments of our schools.

Object teaching has been encouraged, and is practiced with great success in some of our schools, and it should be taught in all; the pupil learns a lesson taught from material objects more readily than that taught from books.

Common sense should not be ignored in teaching and conducting the exercises of the school-room, remembering that, "one pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it."

Dictation has been used in some of our schools to teach the proper use of language, and the result of this method has been very satisfactory.

During the spring term a prize offered for the best essay on "The Evils of Intemperance and its Remedy," drew forth the latent talents of fourteen of our pupils that surprised the committee by correct grammatical construction, and by correct logical reasoning on the subject under consideration.

These essays drew forth from the learned men to whom they were sent for inspection, the highest praise, pronouncing them of the highest order "in language and matter."

No part of the school work the present year has given your committee greater satisfaction than these essays, showing that the subject had received careful and earnest consideration by the writers.

In this connection we give an act of recent legislation of this state which is as follows:

Chapter 332, Section 1. "Physiology and Hygiene which, in both divisions of the subject shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing mechanics, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts, relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools, shall apply to the branch of study presented in the act."

Sect. 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law, shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in Sect. 1.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five."

Your committee, after an examination of "any quantity" of Physiology, have prescribed Smith's, and have formed classes in every school in town; at the same time we have insisted on its being taught orally "to all the pupils in all our schools."

We have been surprised and gratified at the good understanding of this subject by the younger pupils of our schools, and the essays written by some of the older pupils prove conclusively that the principles of Physiology and Hygiene are well understood by them, and that they can express their thoughts on this subject in writing.

Supplementary reading has been recommended and used to some extent in all our schools.

When the pupil knows every word in his reading lesson, it is no longer *reading* but *repeating*, which is not *learning to read*.

The pupil should be taught the principles of elocution so as to enable him to read correctly a selection at sight, for such will be his reading in after life.

The attendance in none of our schools has been satisfactory. Sickness, distance and storms are the excuses for some, but we

cannot think this will be an excuse for all the absent marks on the registers.

We are glad to be able to report a very great decrease of tardy marks the present year compared with the last. The teachers have *all* done their duty in urging prompt and punctual attendance, and have inquired the cause of every absence or want of punctuality, so that the fault, if any, must be sought elsewhere. We would again urge parents and all friends of our schools to show their interest in them by frequent visits to them and by frequent and friendly talks with the teacher. In this duty, which parents and others owe to the schools, the teachers do, and have reason to complain that this duty has not been performed, the visiting list being even smaller than usual the present year.

The committee believe that there is a sufficient number of pupils of sufficient age and attainments, to form a grammar school, which can be held in the upper room of school-house No. 7, which can be fitted up with little expense.

If twenty or twenty-five scholars could be relied on to attend this school, the committee would recommend the formation of such school, but not otherwise. We believe the same amount of money, used in this way, would produce better result to schools No. 2 and No. 7, than would be produced by leaving them as now, ungraded.

The winter term of school No. 6 was discontinued, there being but two pupils to attend, and under these circumstances we thought no one would think it advisable to continue the school. We hope in the spring there will be pupils enough to justify the keeping of a school there.

Slight repairs will be needed in all the school-houses in town, and a fence around No. 8.

New dictionaries will be needed in some of the schools as they have now only a moiety of one.

SCHOOLS.

We make the following detailed report of the several schools in our town:

No. 1.

This school was taught during the year by Mrs. Effie E. Worthen. This is one of the pleasant and profitable schools of our town. The best and kindest feeling has existed between the pupils, and between pupils and teacher. In such a school we expected success and were not disappointed.

No. 2.

This school continues to prosper under the watchful care of its faithful, conscientious teacher, Clara I. Gould, who taught the school the entire year to the satisfaction of the committee, and as far as we know, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

No. 3.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Alice L. Meader, a faithful, conscientious and successful teacher, winning the respect of pupils, parents and committee. We wish her success wherever she may be called to teach.

No. 4.

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Ella T. Chilson. This was Miss Chilson's first school, which she taught with good success, winning the love and respect of the pupils and proved herself a useful, faithful and successful teacher. Declining to teach the winter term, she was succeeded by Miss Winnie L. Cook, who was promoted from No. 6 on account of the gratifying success in that school, and the result of her teaching in this school was very satisfactory.

No. 5.

Mr. Edward R. Esty, who taught the previous year, taught the first term with good success, but declined further service. The committee had the good fortune to secure the services of Miss Hattie A. Osgood, a Normal graduate, to fill the vacancy, who taught the two remaining terms with marked success, especially in the primary department.

No. 6.

The teaching of this small school was given to Miss Winnie L. Cook, a teacher without previous experience in teaching, who succeeded, under adverse circumstances, beyond the reasonable expectation of the committee. The winter term of this school was closed for want of scholars.

No 7.

The committee think they made no mistake when they secured the services of Mrs. Lydia A. Harris to again teach this, the largest and one of the most difficult schools in town. We see in this school the benefit derived from a long and successful experience of the teacher, who removed difficulties with a will that knew no failure and made success where inexperience would have made a failure.

No. 8.

This school was taught the entire year by Miss Mamie A. Billings, who was her own successor. We closed our report of this school last year by saying that experience would make Miss Billings a good and useful teacher, and the experience of the past year has proved this to be true, for in it she has made great improvement and made her last term the best.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation,	$1800 00
Income of State School Fund,	213 16
" Dog Tax,	159 35
" Surplus Revenue,	140 00
Unexpended balance of last year,	160 78
Income of School Bank,	25 00
Appropriation for teachers' wages, fuel, and care of school-houses,	$2,498 29
Expended for teachers' wages, fuel, and care of school-houses,	$2,144 87
Amount unexpended,	$353 42
Appropriation for incidentals,	$150 00
Expended,	151 50

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

No. 1. Frank C. Albee, Cora M. Tingley, Clara L. Thayer, Hattie L. Williams.

No. 2 Laura M. Fisher, Lillia M. McKean, Minnie A. McDowell, Lydia A. Nugent, Annie B. Stowe, Edith A. Stowe, Herbert E. Camp, Charles O. Fisher, Willie Joslin, Walter A. McKean, Arthur J. Nugent, Ernest C. Richards.

No. 3. Lottie Clark, Hattie M. Cook, Jennie F. Cook, Ethel M. Spencer.

No. 4. Irene Fiske, Josey Gay, Emma Bennet, Charlie Fiske, Bertie Chilson, Clifton Trask.

No. 5. Walter A. Cook, Albert A. Hancock, Walter H. Thayer, Oscar L. Whitney, Sadie E. Billings, Alice V. Blake, Florence Cook, Lelia M. Hancock, Mamie L. Holbrook, Eva L. Whitney, Lizzie A. Williams.

No. 6. Eddie Tingley.

No. 7. Maria Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fitzpatrick, Norah Ryan, Maurice Nocturn, Minnie Foley, Gracie St. George, Mary A. Savage, Jerry Macy, John Fitzpatrick.

No. 8. Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Florence Pickering, Gertie Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Marion Estes, Lora Estes, Hattie Staples, Hannah Staples, Jennie Kimball, George Whippe, Willie Crooks, Hiram Crooks, Richard Allen, Bertie Davis, Walter Davis, Arthur Woodbury.

SECOND TERM.

No. 1. Fred W. Tingley, Cora M. Tingley, Hattie L. Williams.

No. 2. None.

No. 3. Ethel M. Spencer, Hattie M. Cook, Jennie F. Cook, Stephen Clark, Alfred Gardepie, Frank Gardepie, Alec Gardepie, Irene Gardepie.

No. 4. Irene Fiske, Josie Gay, Emma Bennett, Bertie Chilson, Carrie Taylor, Bertie Trask, Elsie Trask.

No. 5. Walter A. Cook, Albert A. Hancock, Walter H. Thayer, Oscar L. Whitney, Sadie E. Billings, Alice V. Blake, Florence J. Cook, Lelia M. Hancock, Susie E. Thayer.

No. 6. None.

No. 7. Katie Nocturn, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Mamie Nocturn, Maggie Fitzpatrick, Searl Grant, Gracie St. George, Jenny

Macey, Minnie Coombs, Minnie Foley, Frank Arnold, George Fitzpatrick, Henry Foley, Harry Howard, Arthur St. George, Earl Grant, Johnnie Fitzpatrick, Willie Callahan.

No. 8. Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Florence Pickering, Nora Eddy, Hannah Staples, Hattie Staples, Elkanah Staples, George Whipple, Horace Parkhurst.

THIRD TERM.

No. 1. Frank C. Albee, George L. Baxter, Fred W. Tingley, Harry E. Woodbury, John E. Woodbury, Jennie M. Daniels, Clara L. Thayer, Hattie L. Williams.

No. 2. Minnie McDowell, Edith M. Stowe, Charles C. Gould.

No. 3. Hattie M. Cook, Jennie F. Cook.

No. 4. Austin F. Thompson, Bertie Trask, Irene Fiske, Blanche Thompson.

No. 5. Charles E. Marble, Walter A. Thayer, Loyd Thayer, Oscar L. Whitney, Sadie E. Billings, Alice V. Blake.

No. 7. Willie Callahan, Patsey Rouike, Katie Rouike, Johnnie Fitzpatrick.

No. 8. Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Florence Pickering, Gertie Pickering, Arthur Woodbury.

FOR THE YEAR.

No. 1. Hattie L. Williams.

No. 3. Hattie M. Cook, Jennie F. Cook.

No. 4. Irene Fiske.

No. 5. Walter H. Thayer, Oscar L. Whitney, Sadie E. Billings, Alice V. Blake.

No. 7. Johnnie Fitzpatrick.

No. 8. Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Florence Pickering.

NATHAN A. COOK,
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,
ORAMEL RICHARDSON,
School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO. 1.

STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1886.

Schools.	Teachers.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visitors.
	First Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	16	13.69	13.34	.97	11	4	2 3/4	$32 00	12
No. 2.	Clara I. Gould	37	34.9	32.91	.94	21	12	2 3/4	40 00	31
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	15	14.5	13.6	.96	9	4	2 3/4	28 00	24
No. 4.	Ella T. Chilson	17	15.3	14.1	.93	13	6	2 3/4	28 00	19
No. 5.	Edward R. Esty	29	27.6	26.73	.96	17	11	2 3/4	40 00	29
No. 6.	Winnie L. Cook	10	9.1	8.08	.87	4	1	2 3/4	24 00	16
No. 7.	Lydia A. Harris	46	42	39.19	.91	29	8	2 3/4	40 00	21
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	36	29.93	25.76	.86	22	17	2 3/4	28 00	17
	Second Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	18	17.67	16.12	.92	14	4	2 3/4	32 00	13
No. 2.	Clara I. Gould	43	34.3	28.06	.82	23	0	2 3/4	40 00	21
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	16	15.2	14.45	.94	9	8	2 3/4	28 00	26
No. 4.	Ella T. Chilson	26	23.8	21.89	.94	20	7	2 3/4	28 00	16
No. 5.	Hattie A. Osgood	33	28.8	27.16	.94	14	9	2 3/4	36 00	50
No. 6.	Winnie L. Cook	6	4.75	4.29	.90	5	0	2 3/4	24 00	16
No. 7.	Lydia A. Harris	42	39	36.9	.93	20	17	2 3/4	40 00	14
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	32	23.65	20.85	.88	20	9	2 3/4	28 00	23
	Third Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	20	19.08	17.8	.93	15	8	2 3/4	32 00	18
No. 2.	Clara I. Gould	31	28	24.22	.86	18	3	2 3/4	40 00	16
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	13	12.6	10.8	.85	7	2	2 3/4	28 00	13
No. 4.	Winnie L. Cook	17	14.41	12.84	.92	14	4	2 3/4	28 00	15
No. 5.	Hattie A. Osgood	27	23.58	20.02	.85	13	6	2 3/4	36 00	16
No. 6.										
No. 7.	Lydia A. Harris	43	42.33	38.4	.98	24	4	2 3/4	40 00	12
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	29	27.21	20.48	.75	17	5	2 3/4	28 00	17

TABLE NO. 2.

STATISTICS FOR 1886.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number over 15 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Number 1	20	16.81	15.85	.94+	9	0	2	1	$ 8 00
Number 2	43	32.93	29	.8775	19	4	4	0	10 00
Number 3	16	14.1	13.09	.92	7	0	0	2	7 00
Number 4	26	17.84	16.28	.91	20	0	0	1	7 00
Number 5	36	26.66	24.64	.92	17	0	3	3	9 34+
Number 6	10	6.92	6.18	.89	5	0	0	0	6 00
Number 7	46	41.11	38.16	.94	23	0	0	1	10 00
Number 8	46	26.93	22.36	.83	24	0	2	3	7 00
Total and average	243	183.3	165.56	.90+	124	4	11	11	$8 04+

Number of children in town, May 1, 1886, between the ages of 5 and 15,	247
Whole number of scholars in all the schools for the year,	243
Average membership for the year,	183.3
Average attendance for the year,	165.56
Percentage of attendance for the year,	.90+
Number between 8 and 14 years,	124
Number over 15 years,	11
Number under 5 years of age,	4
Number neither absent nor tardy,	11
Average wages of teachers, per week,	$8.04

J. O. Wilcox, watering tub,	5 00
P. P. Cook, " "	5 00
Hannah E. Bates, gravel,	3 60
Mrs. L. Rockwood, "	2 76
Thomas Groom & Co., Town record book,	7 50
Dr. M. W. Knight, Professional services,	2 00
	$95 98

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriated	*Expended.*
Support of Schools,	$2,400 82	$2,833 00
Support of Poor	1,615 14	1,677 16
Repair of public buildings,	300 00	225 51
" " highways,	1,025 00	1,095 15
" " bridges and railings,	600 00	359 14
Town Officers,	400 00	468 32
Town incidentals,	300 00	231 52
School incidentals,	150 00	116 03
Printing,	50 00	63 00
Interest on Town notes,	450 00	508 00
Town debt,	500 00	
	$7,790 96	$7,576 83

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of Schools,	$2000 00
Support of Poor,	1400 00
Repair of highways,	1000 00
Interest on Town notes,	400 00
Town Officers,	400 00
Bridges and Railings,	300 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repairs on Town buildings,	200 00
Printing,	50 00
	$6200 00

A few of the guide boards are in need of repair.

RUEL F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
N. H. COOK,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

I find the above report correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 21,

1888.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1888.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid Alice L. Meader,	$230 00	
Nellie M. Kelsey,	322 00	
Hattie A. Osgood,	200 00	
Effie E. Worthen,	262 00	
Winnie L. Cook,	169 00	
Mamie A. Billings,	263 00	
Byron E. Rounds,	156 00	
Cora E. Gaskill,	328 00	
Minnie Sawyer,	104 00	
George E. Aldrich,	81 00	
S. W. Allen,	5 00	
		$2,120 00

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid L. F. Thayer, wood, old bill,	$10 00	
L. F. Thayer, wood,	15 00	
E. E. Rockwood, brushes,	1 10	
J. W. Harris, fixtures,	4 85	
O. L. Bullard, wood,	2 50	
S. F. Metcalf, wood and care of school yard,	8 50	
A. L. Wight, wood and posts,	8 25	
O. C. Rhodes, book-cases,	14 58	
S. F. Coombs, labor and fixtures,	18 85	
A. G. Burr, sawing and splitting wood,	5 39	
O. Richardson,	1 25	
Geo. A. Staples,	3 50	
N. A. Cook, labor and fixtures,	13 62	
J. E. Camp, wood,	9 00	
Fred Tingley, sawing and splitting wood,	4 00	
W. A. Burr, coal and wood,	46 88	
		$167 27

Total expense for schools,	$2,287 27

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Edward E. Barb & Co.,	$12 03	
Adams & Ingraham,	16 35	
Cowperthwaite & Co.,	9 77	
Harper Bros.,	45 26	
Boston School Supply Co.,	7 54	
B. A. Fowler & Co.,	35 00	
L. L. Chilson,	2 45	
D. Appleton & Co.,	28 50	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	1 88	
J. L. Hammett,	2 60	
		$161 38

No appropriation.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. A. Cook, salary and care of books,	$100 00	
Geo. A. Williams, constable,	5 00	
Geo. E. Hunter, overseer,	15 00	
W. E. Fairbanks, overseer,	35 00	
N. H. Cook, selectman, overseer, registrar and for perambulating town line,	41 00	
H. A. Whitney, town clerk,	49 62	
Seneca Burr, assessor,	33 75	
E. B. Stowe, assessor,	36 25	
O. C. Rhodes, assessor,	27 50	
R. F. Thayer, selectman and treasurer,	45 00	
W. A. McKean, selectman, registrar and perambulating town line,	26 00	
R. F. Thayer, registrar and perambulating town line,	8 00	
		$422 12
Town appropriation,		400 00
Expended over appropriation,		$22 12

REPAIR OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid Ruel A. Rockwood, painting and repairs Nos. 3 and 5,	$25 94
F. J. Bemis, mason work, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7,	61 08
Emory Munyon, painting Nos. 1, 2, and 7,	50 30
B. W. Woodbury, labor and materials,	50 85
N. A. Cook, repairs at Nos. 1, 4 and 8,	31 10
Ariel B. Drake, labor and materials No. 2,	28 95
Field Bros., shingles,	61 63
L. S. Holbrook, labor No. 2,	5 25

O. Richardson, repairs No. 3,	$ 3 70	
E. E. Grant, nails,	3 60	
S. F. Coombs, labor and materials,	8 73	
N. H. Cook, repairs No. 1,	1 05	
Olney Chilson, labor,	4 50	
American Toy & Box Co., materials,	12 55	
M. P. Thayer, labor,	1 00	
F. Metcalf, planks,	6 30	
Repairs at town farm,	194 75	
		$551 28
Appropriation,		200 00
Expended over appropriation,		$351 28

WELL AT SCHOOLHOUSE NO. 1.

Paid J. B. Baxter, labor,	$7 00	
M. P. Thayer, labor and materials,	20 65	
Luther Everton, labor,	28 50	
J. P. Perry, well tiling,	52 50	
Freight, well tiling,	5 52	
L. F. Thayer, carting well tiling,	4 75	
		$118 92

No appropriation.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid overseers,	$2,067 39
Town appropriation,	1,500 00
Expended over appropriation,	$567 39

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings,	$41 50	
Educational Publishing Co.,	43 90	
Printing tax bills, 1885–1887,	8 75	
		$94 15
Appropriation,		100 00
Balance unexpended,		5 85

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid A. Keach,	$316 76	
W. A. Burr,	358 76	
J. E. Camp,	350 99	
W. A. Burr, Crook's road,	227 25	
		$1,253 76
Town appropriation,		1,000 00
Expended over appropriation,		$253 76

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid W. A. McKean, planks,	$79 75	
J. E. Camp, labor,	20 25	
A. Keach, labor,	6 75	
W. A Burr, labor and materials,	33 05	
		$139 80
Town appropriation,		250 00
Balance unexpended,		$110 20

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid P. P. Cook, watering trough,	$5 00	
Albert Estes, watering trough,	5 00	
J. O. Wilcox, watering trough,	5 00	
Amos Keach, removing snow,	4 77	
Gravel, old bill, Mrs. H. E. Bates,	10 24	
Gravel, R. F. Thayer,	6 68	
Gravel, E. T. Bates,	3 05	
Nathan W. Sanborn, M. D., services,	6 50	
		$46 24

ROAD MACHINE.

Road machine,	$250 00	
Freight, machine,	2 40	
Repair of machine,	8 75	
		$261 15
Appropriation,		300 00
Balance unexpended,		$48 85

CEMETERIES.

Centre, V. B. Rockwood, labor,	$8 98	
North Bellingham, V. B. Rockwood, labor,	21 00	
South Bellingham, Orrin Chilson, labor,	$23 20	
		$53 18
Appropriation,		75 00
Balance unexpended,		$21 82

GUIDE BOARDS.

Paid out,	$ 3 40
Appropriation,	10 00
Balance unexpended,	$6 60

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Support of schools,	$2,287 27	$2,528 63
School books,	161 38	No appropriation
Town officers,	422 12	400 00
Repair of public buildings,	551 28	200 00
Well at schoolhouse No. 1,	118 92	No appropriation
Support of poor,	2,067 39	1500 00
Printing,	94 15	100 00
Repair of highways,	1,253 76	1000 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	139 80	300 00
Miscellaneous,	46 24	300 00
Road machine,	261 15	300 00
Labor at cemeteries,	53 18	75 00
Guide boards,	3 40	10 00
	$7,460 04	$6,713 63

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of Schools,	$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00
Interest on town notes,	400 00
Salaries of town officers,	400 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	200 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repair of town buildings,	100 00
Printing,	50 00
Books,	100 00
	$6,200 00

The guide boards are in good repair.

RUEL F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
} Selectmen of Bellingham.

I find the above report correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$ 720 00	
County tax,	325 70	
Town grant for schools,	2,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,500 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Bridges and railings,	250 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Interest on town debt,	400 00	
Town incidentals,	300 00	
School incidentals,	150 00	
Road machine,	300 00	
Repair of town buildings,	200 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Cutting brush in cemeteries,	75 00	
Guide boards,	10 00	
Overlayings,	333 96	
		$8,064 66

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 21, 1887,	$2,104 13	
Corporation tax,	14 07	
National bank tax,	129 67	
Mass. school fund,	214 69	
State aid, chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	255 50	
State aid, chapter 252, Acts of 1879,	84 00	
Temporary support of state paupers,	7 50	
County treasurer, dog tax,	163 94	
R. F. Thayer, collector, 1883 tax,	18 00	
" " 1884 "	200 00	
Calvin Fairbanks, collector, 1885 tax,	1,200 00	
" " 1886 "	1,518 57	
" " 1887 "	5,374 32	
For use of Town House,	11 50	
		$11,295 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 174 Selectmen's orders,	$7,460 04
State tax,	720 00
County tax,	325 70

State aid, chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	$ 288 00	
State aid, chapter 252, Acts of 1879,	168 00	
Postage, stationery, etc.,	3 00	
Traveling expenses,	6 00	
Notes in full and interest on notes,	1,029 40	
Town House expenses,	14 90	
		$10,015 04
Cash on hand,		$1,280 85

LIABILITIES.

Eighteen outstanding notes,	$7,612 50	
Interest due on outstanding notes,	300 00	
Due town officers,	400 00	
		$8,312 50

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 21, 1888,	$1,280 85	
Due from state aid,	24 00	
Military aid,	14 00	
R. F. Thayer, 1883 tax,	15 27	
" 1884 tax,	491 48	
Calvin Fairbanks, 1885 tax,	50 60	
" 1886 tax,	632 90	
" 1887 tax,	2,690 34	
		$5,199 44

RUEL F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the Town of Bellingham respectfully submit the following list of the valuation and tax for the year 1887:—

Total valuation of personal property,		$115,635
" real estate,		485,065
Total,		$600,700
State tax,	$ 720 00	
County tax,	325 70	
Town grant for schools,	2,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,500 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Bridges and railings,	250 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Interest on town debt,	400 00	
Town incidentals,	300 00	
School "	150 00	
Road machine,	300 00	
Repair of town buildings,	200 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Cutting bushes in cemeteries,	75 00	
Guide boards,	10 00	
Overlayings,	333 96	
Total,		$8,064 66
Whole number of polls, 308, at $2 each,	$ 616 00	
Tax on personal property,	1,433 86	
Real estate,	6,014 80	
Total,		$8,064 66

Rate of taxation, $12.40 on $1,000.

Number of dwelling houses,	292
Acres of land,	10,950
Horses,	208
Cows,	441
Neat cattle other than cows,	81
Sheep,	17
Swine,	44

E. B. STOWE,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
SENECA BURR,
Assessors of Bellingham.

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 4, 1888.

14 tons English hay,	$252	00	
2 tons meadow hay,	18	00	
1½ tons rowen hay,	19	50	
1 ton corn fodder,	10	00	
1 bull,	40	00	
6 cows,	270	00	
2 heifers,	45	00	
1 yearling bull,	15	00	
2 yearling heifers,	20	00	
5 pigs,	60	00	
1 2-horse wagon,	65	00	
1 1-horse wagon,	60	00	
1 sow,	15	00	
9 pigs,	36	00	
Sleds,	5	00	
Grindstone,	1	00	
New sled,	55	00	
New wagon,	140	00	
2 ladders and hook,	5	00	
2 horses,	200	00	
1 set double harness,	25	00	
2 single harnesses,	15	00	
Hay cutter,	8	00	
Block and tackle,	7	00	
Wheelbarrow,	2	50	
Cart body,	8	00	
Mowing machine,	50	00	
Lincoln creamer and can,	30	00	
Churn,	10	00	
Grain cradle,	2	75	
3 harrows and cultiva'r,	12	00	
2 plows,	14	00	
7 hand rakes & drag rake,	3	50	
5 manure forks,	2	00	
Hay knife and 4 forks,	2	50	
Iron rake, 5 hoes, 5 shovels, 2 potato diggers, 1 manure fork, 2 corn cutters,	$8	00	
2 wrenches and hammer,	2	00	
2 bill hooks,	1	00	
Cross-cut saw,	2	00	
Meat saw and knives,	2	50	
Carpenters' tools,	20	00	
Stone hammer & 4 drills,	5	00	
4 axes,	2	50	
2 cranberry rakes,	2	50	
Handcuffs,	5	00	
1 whiffletree, 1 evener,	2	25	
6 chains and 1 bar,	4	00	
3 scythes and snaths,	3	00	
Sleigh,	8	00	
Corn,	3	00	
Firewood in shed,	65	00	
Hard wood,	6	00	
Small wood,	25	00	
Turnips,	8	00	
12 bushels carrots,	6	00	
Beets,	1	00	
Soap,	15	00	
Vinegar,	15	00	
Kerosene oil,	3	00	
Ice tongs,	1	25	
Pails,	9	00	
Beans,	9	00	
Hams and shoulders,	9	00	
½ barrel pickles,	4	00	
Flour,	4	00	
Sugar,	1	00	
Butter,	3	00	

Lard,	$3 00	9 hand grenades,	$ 7 69
2 nose baskets,	40	Bags,	3 00
Coal,	2 00	50 fowls,	25 00
Set measures,	1 00	Tobacco,	3 30
Tubs and wringer,	5 75	Mattocks, 1.25, saw, 1.50,	2 75
Barrels,	3 00	Meal and fine feed,	4 50
3 meat barrels,	2 50	Scraps, barley,	3 00
Scalding tub,	1 00		
Powder and fuse,	1 00		$1,847 64

OUTSIDE AID.

George Cherry, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$ 86 10
Joseph Cross, " " "	175 80
Mrs. George W. Miller and three children, at Franklin,	102 15
John R. Bennett and wife, of Sutton,	56 00
E. F. Gay and family, of Norfolk,	30 06
J. L. Johnson and family, of Milford,	19 50
Francis McMurray and family, state paupers,	7 50
	$477 11

EXPENSE AT FARM.

Paid E. W. Woodbury, salary,	$ 425 00
Supplies for farm, including all other hired help and ½ dozen iron bedsteads,	1,796 31
	$2,221 31

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Due from the town of Sutton,	$56 00
Due from the town of Milford,	7 00
Due the farm from L. A. Cook,	11 24
The Treasurer has received from the State on account of state paupers,	7 50
	$81 74

Amount received from Treasurer,		$2,067 39
Appropriation,		1,500 00
Balance overdrawn,		$567 39
Bills receivable,	$81 74	
Increase in valuation of property at farm,	401 45	
		$483 19
Net expense, above appropriation,		$84 20

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM.

Dr.	
Cash on hand, Feb. 19, 1887,	$ 36 39
Cash from treasurer,	2,067 39
Cash from treasurer for repairs on buildings,	194 75
Cash from town of Norfolk,	39 06
Cash from town of Milford,	24 50
Cash receipts from farm,	556 50
	$2,918 59

Cr.	
By expenses at farm,	$2,221 31
Outside aid,	477 11
Repairs on buildings.	194 75
Books, printing and postage,	10 55
Cash on hand, Feb. 6, 1888,	14 87
	$2,918 59

WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
SENECA BURR,
B. W. WOODBURY,
Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE,
Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1887.

Date.		Name.	Parents' Name.
Jan.	10.	Ulric Grenon,	Joseph and Lizzie (Lange).
	10.	Alphonsina Leveque,	Alphonso and Olivina (Dufrena).
	30.	Gertrude Lillian Johnson,	Julius L. and Mary A. (Read).
Feb.	24.	Francis Horatio Robbins,	Wm. A. and Minnie A. (Stockbridge).
March	14.	Clifford Earl Thayer,	John P. and Estella M. (Bates).
	15.	Jesse Chilson Burr,	Wm. A. and Alice A. (Chilson).
	30.	Michael Joseph Smith,	John and Ellen (Cavanagh).
April	13.	John Joseph Nocturn,	Michael and Margaret (Griffin).
	27.	Judson Elmer Camp,	Judson E. and Dora A. (Thayer).
	28.	Myrtle Rockwood Grant,	E bridge and Lizzie T. (Rockwood).
May	23.	Gladice Emily Cook,	Proctor P. and Julia E. (Bates).
July	11.	Bullard,	Addison L. and Lydia A. (Metcalf).
Aug.	1.	George Francis Lloyd,	Robert and Annie (Gorman).
	4.	James McCarty,	John and Mary (Garrigan).
	7.	Tuomey,	Rupert Whipple and Mary (Tuomey).
	21.	Dennis William Brooks,	Dennis and Mary (McManus).
Sept.	10.	George Edward Thayer,	Edward H. and Clara B. (Williams).
	26.	Michael Edward Kennelly,	James E. and Julia (Sullivan).
	29.	Susie Abby Jane Ames,	Edwin M. and Ellen R. (Williams).
Oct.	17.	Florence Grace Robertson,	James M. and Matilda E. (Meese).
Nov.	7.	Annie Viola Phillips,	Charles H. and Orinda (Rockwood).
	9.	Bertha Estelle Nugent,	Charles J. and Christina M. (Westcott).
	11.	Delia Macy,	John and Sophia (Luciar).
Dec.	6.	Weston Daniel Aldrich,	Geo. A. and Addie M. (Bley).
	18.	David Leland Staples,	Geo. A. and Etta G (Bethel).
	28.	George Ferdinand Koerner,	Herman and Mary T. (Tormanex).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1887.

Date.		Names of Parties.	Residence.
Jan.	1.	George E. Frink,	Pawtucket, R. I.
		Florence V. Bates,	Bellingham.
Jan.	2.	Michael Kennedy,	North Bellingham.
		Etta Coyle,	"
March		Charles J. Nugent,	Caryville.
		Christina Westcott,	Franklin.
March	30.	Otto L. Bullard,	North Bellingham.
		Clara I. Gould,	Hopkinton, N. H.
April	10.	Cornelius Allen,	North Bellingham.
		Bridget Foley,	"
April	24.	Daniel F. Connolly,	Franklin.
		Annie McGarrety,	Bellingham.
May	1.	Peter Smith,	Franklin.
		Bridget Sullivan,	North Bellingham.
May	29.	Everett Augustus Burrell,	Medway.
		Mabel Estella Burr,	Medway.
Aug.	14.	William H. Davis,	Bellingham.
		Mary Lanceio,	"
Sept.	1.	Charles Myron Adams,	West Medway.
		Mamie Lucretia Holbrook,	Bellingham.
Oct.	5.	Wesley E. Hawes,	North Bellingham.
		Mary F. Drake,	"
Oct.	11.	Frederick Charles Reid,	Bellingham.
		Matilda Hollingworth,	Franklin.
Nov.	24.	L. Francis Thayer,	Bellingham.
		Annie A. Scott,	"
Dec.	31.	Albert G. Graham,	Charlestown, N. H.
		Mary A. Arnold,	Bellingham.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1887.

Date.		Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
Jan.	3.	Willard Jillson,	83	5	26	General Debility.
	3.	Peletiah S. Bates,	76	7	22	Old Age.
	25.	Mary E. Wells,	34	2		General Anaemia.
	30.	Walter T. Colburn,	1	2	19	Meningitis.
Feb.	11.	Clara Whipple,		11	19	Pneumonia.
	18.	Maggie T. Foley,		10	22	Acute Bronchitis.
April	9.	Cherry,				Stillborn.
	25.	Luther Thayer,	87	3	1	Old Age.
May	8.	Mary Lloyd,	58			General Debility.
	9.	Elmer Adams,	26	4	1	Diphtheria.
	11.	Jesse C. Burr,		1	26	Congestion of Lungs.
	22.	Adeliza Whitney,	74	6		Cardiac Embolism.
June	14.	Minnie A. Hixon,	3	7	24	Diphtheria.
	14.	Etta Murphy,	1	1	28	Cholera Infantum.
	25.	Ira L. Hixon,	11	3	13	Diphtheria.
	26.	Robert F. Jillson,	12			Bright's Disease.
July	17.	Belcher, } twins.				Stillborn.
	17.	Belcher, }				Stillborn.
	19.	Nettie V. Hixon,	5	10	18	Diphtheria.
	20.	Jennie E. Hixon,	1	6	24	Diphtheria.
	23.	Annie M. Belcher,	30	4	29	Chynaemia.
Aug.	2.	May Florence White,		8	22	Cholera Infantum.
	16.	Fred A. Hile,	29	8		Consumption.
	17.	Tuomey,			10	Infantile Debility.
	21.	Albert C. Arnold,	1	8	16	Cholera Infantum.
	27.	Julia A. Hallett,	68	8	2	Cancer of Liver.
Sept.	21.	Dennis Wm. Brooks,		1	4	Infantile Debility.
Oct.	2.	Bridget Staples,	28			Abscess on Kidneys
Nov.	1.	Lavinia L. Lee,	6		17	Scarlet Fever.
	28.	Eliza C Nelson,	91	9	12	General Debility.
Dec.	1.	Annie S. Wade,	4	2	18	Typhoid Fever.
	4.	Almira T. Butman,	74			Heart Disease.
	14.	Samuel C. Neill,	40	2	22	Railroad Accident.
	18.	Addie M. Aldrich,	18	2	26	Puerperal Fever.
	29.	Bedaury,				Stillborn.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OF THE

School Year Ending March 1, 1888.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1888.

Board of School Committee.

1887.

STEPHEN F. COOMBS,	Term expires 1888
ORAMEL RICHARDSON,	" " 1889
NATHAN A. COOK,	" " 1890

REPORT.

Your committee entered upon the duties assigned them, in the care of the several schools in town, with the consciousness of the responsibilities you have placed in our hands, and with a fixed determination to do all in our power to promote their usefulness and insure their success. The first duty, in order to obtain the best results in our schools, is to have a good and convenient schoolhouse, situated so as to accommodate the greatest number of pupils, and to have the same properly warmed and ventilated, so as to promote the health and comfort of both pupils and teacher. In these respects some of our schoolhouses are faulty; the means of ventilation in some is inadequate to secure either health or comfort, and we fear that some of the sickness in our schools the past year is due to the want of proper ventilation. The means of warming is still more defective; the chimneys in some are badly constructed and give but poor draft to the stove, causing, in some instances, a stopping of the school, trouble and expense in putting them in order so as to make it possible to use the house without being smoked, or frozen out. In one schoolhouse there is *danger*, in consequence of a defective chimney, which will put in jeopardy the insurance on the building.

To select the best teacher for each school is often a delicate and difficult task. A teacher *suitable* for one school might be very *unsuitable* for another; and the different salaries paid the teachers of the different schools make it difficult to select "the right teacher for the right place." It has been the policy of the committee to retain the teacher in the school where she has successfully taught, and judge each teacher by her success in the *school taught*. In six of the eight schools in town, the same teacher has been retained during the year, and in this we think the committee made no mistake. In two schools teachers were changed the third term, but we think the faults of the school were not all with the teachers. Parents have a duty to perform which they too often neglect; for the tardy and absent marks that blacken our registers, parents are responsible. In one of our

schools we found *thirty-five* tardy marks in one term against the name of one pupil, and, in some instances, we found pupils absent more than half the time without a proper excuse. When will parents learn that this is robbing children of their "inalienable rights," rights given them by their Creator, and who, for this deprivation, will hold the parent to a just and fearful account? Our common schools will furnish all the *school* education that a great majority of our children will ever receive, and for this reason, if for no other, parents should strive to make attendance as prompt and constant as possible.

Children should learn obedience at home and carry the lesson so learned to school. Good order is necessary in the government of a school as well as in a state or nation, and good order cannot be maintained in either without a power to enforce it. Parents can, and ought, to co-operate with the teacher by requiring the child to obey the teacher, as the teacher in the school takes the place of the parent, and assumes the duty and takes the responsibility which the parent has at home. A parent *outside* the school can do more injury to his child than the best teacher inside the school can possibly counteract. If a scholar is punished, however much he may deserve it, a person looking through a hole in the chimney may think it "barbarous;" but one with a clearer and calmer view will think it just, administered for the good of the child and of the school. The parent makes a mistake in thinking *his* child can do no wrong, while in fact he is full of mischief in the school. Another mistake is in believing and circulating every flying story about the teacher or the school.

"Believe not each accusing tongue,
As most weak people do;
But still believe that story wrong
Which ought not to be true"

is good advice as well as good poetry. The making of and circulating a false report, without any foundation in fact, to the injury of the teacher and therefore an injury to the school, ought to be made a criminal offence.

While it is with feelings of deep regret we record a large per cent of absence, it is with feelings of pleasure we record instances of heroism in some of the pupils of our schools, living a mile and a half from the schoolhouse, who braved the cold and storms of winter and attended the whole term without a tardy or absent mark against their names. *These pupils went to learn, and they did learn.*

The scarlatina made its appearance in three of our schools, and No. 8 was closed at the end of the seventh week of the second term. The disease appeared in a very mild form; some of the pupils who are *supposed* to have had it attended every day, and it was difficult for ordinary people to tell who had the disease and who had not, and in some cases even *doctors* differed in opinion. When the disease had apparently disappeared and the house had been thoroughly fumigated, school was again opened; but one more case appeared, and two pupils, Sarah and Katie Allen, who had attended school twelve consecutive terms without a mark against their names, were excluded from the school, and the tears shed by teacher and pupils showed the interest which existed in this school. The measles made their appearance in No. 7, nearly one half of the pupils being sick at one time. In consequence of this sickness, the second term of this school was promptly closed at the end of the tenth week, the third term continuing eleven weeks.

Teachers have labored faithfully, and generally successfully, co-operating with the committee in an honest and persevering endeavor to make their several schools a perfect success.

In previous years our schoolhouses and appurtenances thereto belonging have been marred, marked and disfigured; in consequence of, and to prevent a repetition of, this vandalism, the committee had printed and posted in each schoolhouse, the provisions of the Public Statutes relating to this matter, and gave notice that they would strictly enforce these provisions, and no instance of vandalism committed by pupils has occurred during the year.

Yaggy's Study was introduced into our schools, and the result is a most gratifying success.

School No. 6 was closed the third term, as only six pupils could be found to attend, and two of these only in pleasant weather.

We would recommend the keeping of our schools thirty-three weeks the present year, being one more than in the past year. Ten weeks is too short a term and fifteen weeks too long; three terms of eleven weeks each appear to us to be the proper time to secure the best results to our schools.

Schoolhouse No. 4 needs painting, and Nos. 1 and 4 need new chimneys, as at present they are dangerous and might put in jeopardy the insurance.

SCHOOLS.

We make the following detailed report of the several schools:

No. 1.

This school is numbered one and has had only two teachers in the past ten years, and is still taught by Mrs. Effie E. Worthen, and no one desires a change.

No. 2.

This school was taught the past year by Miss Cora E. Gaskill, and although some of its best scholars have left to engage in other pursuits, it is still taught with gratifying success.

No. 3.

Miss Alice L. Meader taught the entire year, giving better satisfaction each term, the last term being the best of all. This school stands first with its roll of honor, having nine of its fourteen pupils without a mark of absence or tardiness against their names.

No. 4.

Miss Winnie L. Cook taught the first two terms with good success, although fault was found with the order of the second term by the parents of some of the pupils. We think if parental authority had followed these pupils to the schools, there would have been less fault-finding. The third term was taught by Mr. George E. Aldrich, from the west, and no fault was found with him by parents or scholars, and we have none to find.

No. 5.

Miss Hattie A. Osgood was continued in this school two terms and then resigned. She was very successful in the primary department, but failed to command the respect and obedience of the older and rougher elements. The third term was taught by Miss Mamie O. Sawyer, a most strict disciplinarian, and, if a school is to be judged by the progress made, this term was a success.

No. 6.

Mr. Byron E. Rounds was the teacher two terms, and taught to the satisfaction of the patrons of this school; and the progress was all that could be expected under the adverse circumstances in which this school is placed.

No. 7.

This is the largest school in town, and composed mostly of young pupils, who need watchful supervision, a teacher adapted to the teachlng of this class of pupils, and Mrs. Nellie M. Kelsey, who taught the three terms, was found equal to the wants of the school.

No. 8.

Miss Mamie A. Billings taught during the year, and her faithful and successful service was appreciated by pupils; parents and committee. This school has risen from the lowest to one of the highest positions among our schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation,	$2,000 00	
Income of state school fund,	214 69	
" dog tax,	163 94	
" surplus revenue,	140 00	
" school bank,	25 00	
		$2,543 63
Appropriation for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		$2,543 63
Expended for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		$2,286 17
Amount unexpended,		$257 46

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

No. 1. Harry E. Woodbury, Fred W. Tingley, Clara L. Thayer, Jennie Tingley, Hattie L. Williams.

No. 3. Tilla J. Cook, Hattie M. Cook, Aleck Gardepie.

No. 4. Austin Thompson, Irene Fisk, Blanche Thompson, Emma Bennett, Josie Gay.

No. 5. Sadie E. Billings, Walter H. Thayer.

No. 6. Katie McCarty, Sadie McCarty.

No. 7. Elwin Coombs, George Fitzpatrick, Willie Callahan, Mary J. Fitzpatrick, Minnie Coombs, Gracie St. George, Jennie Macy.

No. 8. Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Florence Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Hannah Staples, Hattie Staples, Nattie Pickering, Richard Allen, Arthur Woodbury, Kennie Staples.

SECOND TERM.

No. 1. John E. Woodbury, Sarah Tingley.

No. 2. Mabel Hunter, Anna B. Stowe, Grace Richards, Alice O'Donnell, Charles Gould, Cyrus Gould, Fred Richards, Eddie O'Donnell, Willie Williams.

No. 3. Lottie Clark, Hattie M. Cook, Frank Gardepie, Aleck Gardepie, Tilla J. Cook.

No. 4. Irene Fisk, Blanche Thompson, Livie Landry, Rosanna Landry, Bertie Trask, Clifton Trask, Bertie Chilson.

No. 5. Lelia M. Hancock, Walter H. Thayer.

No. 7. Minnie Coombs, Maggie Fitzgerald, Garrett Fitzpatrick, George Fitzpatrick, John Fitzpatrick.

No. 8. Jennie Kimball, Sarah Allen, Katie Allen, Hannah Staples, Arthur Woodbury, Kennie Staples.

THIRD TERM.

No. 1. Frank C. Albee.

No. 2. Grace Richards, Annie B. Stowe, Charles Fisher, Stephen Reed.

No. 3. Sarah Bowditch, Fannie Bowditch, Tilla J. Cook, Hattie M. Cook, Jennie F. Cook, Myra L. Gerstle, Edward Gardepie, Frank Gardepie, Aleck Gardepie.

No. 4. Irene Fisk, Clifton Trask, Elsie Trask, Austin Thompson, Livie Landry, Rosanna Landry, Emma Bennett, Stella Gay, Blanche Thompson, Jennie Mortenson, Bella Mortenson.

No. 5. Grace Fisk, Walter H. Thayer.

No. 7. Mamie Coombs, Mary J. Fitzpatrick, Willie Callahan.

No. 8. Jennie Kimball, Gertie Pickering, Annie Evans.

STEPHEN F. COOMBS,
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School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1887.

Schools.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of school in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of Visitors.
	First Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	21	20.3	18.88	.93	15	5	2¾	$32 00	28
No. 2.	Cora E. Gaskill	28	23	19	.82	16	0	2¾	40 00	15
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	14	13.3	12.64	.95+	8	3	2¾	28 00	17
No. 4.	Winnie L. Cook	24	21.52	19.5	.90	17	5	2¾	30 00	10
No. 5.	Hattie A. Osgood	28	24.5	20.6	.84+	12	2	2¾	36 00	21
No. 6.	Byron E. Rounds	10	8.91	8.32	.93	5	2	2¾	28 00	15
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey	48	43.66	41.00	.93+	24	7	2¾	40 00	13
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	31	27.35	24.15	.88+	18	10	2¾	32 00	14
	Second Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	18	16.48	15 46	.93+	14	2	2¾	32 00	31
No. 2.	Cora E. Gaskill	28	26.66	26	.97+	17	10	2¾	40 00	22
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	14	13.76	13.04	.97+	10	5	2¾	28 00	19
No. 4.	Winnie L. Cook	34	27.99	25 59	.91	25	8	2¾	30 00	14
No. 5.	Hattie A. Osgood	30	26.33	23.43	.88+	16	2	2¾	36 00	12
No. 6.	Byron E. Rounds	15	10.81	8.59	.79	5	0	2¾	28 00	17
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey	47	41	38.33	.95	25	5	2¾	40 00	15
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	26	21.33	18.86	.88+	17	6	1¾	32 00	10
	Third Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	19	16.41	14.67	.89+	12	1	2½	32 00	14
No 2.	Cora E. Gaskill	27	24.71	22.54	.91+	16	4	2½	40 00	15
No. 3.	Alice L. Meader	14	13.5	12.8	.94+	10	9	2½	28 00	21
No. 4.	Geo. E. Aldrich	26	19.78	19.01	.96+	24	11	2½	30 00	
No. 5.	Mamie O. Sawyer	35	24.83	21.98	.88+	11	2	2½	40 00	24
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey	38	33.6	30.87	.91+	22	3	2½	40 00	18
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	28	24 21	22.29	.93+	20	3	3½	32 00	18

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1887.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average Membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Number over 15 years of age.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Number 1	22	17.73	16.33	.92	13	0	0	3	$ 8 00
Number 2	28	24.75	22.51	.90	16	0	0	2	10 00
Number 3	17	13.52	12.94	.95	10	0	3	0	7 00
Number 4	36	23.09	21.21	.92	21	0	2	0	7 50
Number 5	32	25.22	22	.86	14	0	1	2	9 33
Number 6	15	9.86	8.45	.85	5	2	0	0	7 00
Number 7	55	39.42	36.73	.93	27	3	0	0	10 00
Number 8	40	24 29	21.76	.89	26	0	0	2	8 00
Total average	24	177.88	161.93	.90+	132	5	6	9	8 35+

Number of children in town, May 1, 1887, between the ages of 5 and 15,	204
Number of scholars in all the schools for the year,	245
Average membership for the year,	177.88
Average attendance for the year,	161.93
Percentage of attendance for the year,	.90+
Number between 8 and 14 years,	132
Number over 15 years,	9
Number under 5 years,	5
Number neither absent nor tardy,	6
Average wages of teachers per week,	$8.35+

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid S. Anna L. Tirrell,	$114 00	
E. E. Worthen,	270 00	
Nellie M. Kelsey,	113 00	
M. A. Billings,	306 00	
Hattie M. Hodgdon,	102 50	
George E. Aldrich,	298 50	
Alice L. Meader,	85 50	
Jennie L. Whitney,	323 00	
Nannie J. Joslin,	246 00	
Nellie M. Quincy,	165 50	
Mary E. Emery,	110 00	
Minnie L. Rutland,	113 00	
W. B. May,	115 00	
Michael Sullivan, care of schoolhouse,	9 00	
		$2,371 00

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid O. L. Bullard, wood,	$ 5 00	
J. G. Ray, wood,	2 50	
Ray Woolen Co., coal,	50 75	
Geo. A. Crooks, wood,	9 75	
Fred W. Tingley, cutting wood,	6 00	
W. A. Burr, coal,	36 25	
S. W. Allen, cutting wood,	1 00	
G. Darling, dipper and padlock,	56	
Town Farm, wood,	16 50	
E. Grant, brush, soap, etc.,	1 03	
S. F. Coombs, hardware, etc.,	3 80	
N. A. Cook, wood and cutting,	4 50	
J. E. Camp, wood for No. 3,	6 50	
		$144 14
Total expense for schools,		$2,515 14

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Nathan A. Cook,	$63 35
Harper Bros., school books,	41 50
Thorp & Adams Mfg. Co.,	5 55
"	1 16
Boston School Supply Co.,	7 35

F. M. Ambrose, books,	$56 98	
Cowperthwaite & Co.,	16 08	
George F. King,	40	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	4 00	
		$196 37

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid S. Burr, overseer of poor,	$15 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks, "	35 00	
B. W. Woodbury, "	15 00	
Ellis T. Norcross, " to Mar., 1889,	15 00	
H. A. Whitney, Geo. A. Williams, Henry W. Pickering, By vote of town,	50 00	
Geo. A. Williams, constable,	5 00	
Henry A. Whitney, " 1886,	5 00	
" " 1887,	5 00	
Orrin Chilson, selectman,	18 00	
W. A. McKean, " and registrar,	24 00	
R. F. Thayer, " treasurer and registrar,	51 00	
D. A. Wade, auditor,	5 00	
Nathan A. Cook, Supt. of schools,	110 00	
Henry A. Whitney, town clerk,	33 52	
" recording births, marriages and deaths,	23 50	
O. C. Rhodes, assessor,	28 75	
E. B. Stowe, "	30 00	
S. Burr, "	30 00	
		$498 77
Town appropriation,		400 00
Expended over appropriation,		$98 77

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid F. J. Bemis, repair of schoolhouses,	$26 22	
Olney J. Chilson, Town House and lock-up,	2 40	
B. W. Woodbury, schoolhouse No. 8,	17 55	
W. L. Ripley, "	34 18	
		$ 80 35
Appropriation,		100 00
Balance unexpended,		$19 65

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid 22 overseers' orders,	$2,542 42	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Expended over appropriation,		$542 42

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings, printing town reports,	$37 00	
Appropriation,	50 00	
Balance unexpended,		$13 00

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Amos Keach, 2 days, 5 hours,	$4 37	
L. Francis Thayer, 3 " 7 "	5 55	
" 3 " 7 " horses,	7 45	
W. A. Burr,	8 50	
Thomas Lloyd,	2 70	
George Lloyd,	2 70	
Willie Lloyd,	1 80	
Willie Cook,	2 25	
Elbridge Rhodes,	2 25	
George Crooks,	3 00	
Orrin Chilson,	1 05	
A. Trask,	90	
Thomas Riley,	1 50	
R. H. Adams,	9 27	
O. A. Bullard,	5 25	
W. E. Howes,	2 25	
A. W. Wales,	1 65	
E. Smith,	2 25	
Ira Metcalf,	3 15	
B. Drake,	1 65	
Chas. Partridge,	2 25	
W. Gardner,	1 05	
		$72 79

No appropriation.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Ruel H. Adams, 22 days, 1 hour, labor,	$38 68
" horses,	9 07
Walter Adams, 26 days, 6½ hours,	39 98
Charles Partridge, 6 days,	9 00
James Rhodes, 8 days, 4 hours,	12 60
Otto L. Bullard, 20 " 4 "	30 60
" horses 20 days, 4 hours,	40 80
W. E. Howes, 13 days, 8 hours,	20 70
" horse 10 days,	10 00
A. W. Wales, 16 days, 5½ hours,	24 82
S. Holbrook, 8 " 6½ "	12 97
J. Baxter, 9 "	1 35
Ira Metcalf, 4 "	60
Bertie Drake, 1 day, 5 "	2 25
L. S. Holbrook, 13 " 7 "	20 55
S. A. Adams, 7 " 4 "	11 10

E. W. Woodbury, 6 days, 3 hours, labor,	$9 45	
" 1 " 1 " horses,	2 20	
" powder and fuse,	2 05	
		$298 77
Amos Keach, 36 days,	63 00	
" horse,	2 38	
Francis Thayer, 29 days, 6 hours,	44 40	
" 28 " 1 "	56 20	
Frank Gay, 24 " 6 "	36 90	
George Nelson, 8½ hours,	1 28	
B. E. Marble, 13 days, 7 hours,	20 55	
Hiram A. Cook, 16 " 5 "	24 75	
James O. Richardson, 24 " 5 "	36 75	
Lewis E. Whitney, 4 " 1¾ "	6 25	
George Osborne, 9 hours,	1 35	
P. P. Cook, labor, 4 days, 4 hours,	6 60	
" horses, 3 " 4 "	6 80	
Irving White, 1 "	1 50	
" horse, 2 days,	2 00	
Elias Bates, 1 day,	1 50	
" horses, 1 day,	2 00	
Levi Bennett, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
Willard I. Fiske, 9 hours,	1 35	
		$317 81
Willie A. Burr, 36 days,	63 00	
" horses,	105 03	
Charles Crooks, 18 days, 2 hours,	27 30	
Edgar Crooks, 11 " 2 "	16 80	
George Crooks, 21 " 7 "	32 55	
Willie Cook, 7 " 5 "	11 25	
Thomas Lloyd, 24 "	36 00	
Willie Lloyd, 4 "	6 00	
John Lanahan, 27 "	40 50	
Henry Pickering, horse and cart,	2 10	
Elbridge Rhodes, 2 days,	3 00	
George Lloyd, 2 " 8½ hours,	4 25	
Lewis Whitney, 10 " 5 "	15 75	
B. E. Marble, 10 " 5 "	15 75	
Horace Bates, 7 " 5 "	11 25	
George Osborne, 3 "	4 50	$395 03
		$1,011 61
Town appropriation,		1,000 00
Expended over appropriation,		$11 61

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid R. H. Adams, oil, globe, lantern, etc.,	$ 5 40	
" labor, 5 days, 3 hours,	9 08	
" horses, 3 " 7 "	7 40	

Luther Everton, labor, 4 days, 5 hours,	$13 50	
Cornelius Desmond, " 3 " 7 "	5 55	
W. S. Adams, " 4 " 3 "	6 45	
L. S. Holbrook, " 5 "	7 50	
S. Holbrook, " 3 " 1½ hours,	4 72	
O. L. Bullard, " 4 "	60	
" horse, 8 "	1 20	
W. E. Howes, labor, 1 day, 2 "	1 80	
" horse, 1 " 2 "	1 80	
Amos Keach, labor, 4 " 5¾ "	8 00	
" horse,	1 75	
L. Francis Thayer, labor, 1 day, 7 hours,	2 55	
" horses, 1 " 7 "	3 40	
" drawing lumber,	1 50	
" planks,	13 75	
Hiram A. Cook, labor, 2 hours,	30	
B. E. Marble, " 1 day,	1 50	
Frank Gay, " 1 "	1 50	
Comfort Brown, " 1 "	1 50	
William Thompson, " 7 hours,	1 05	
J. Sanford Thompson, " 1 day,	2 00	
Lewis Whitney, " 1 " 5 hours,	2 25	
Albert Burr, " 1 "	1 50	
Manning Taylor, " 1 " 5 hours,	2 25	
George Osborne, " 1 " 9 "	2 85	
" horse,	95	
Horace Barbour, 1 day,	1 50	
Grafton White, blacksmithing,	2 00	
W. A. Burr, labor on bridges,	27 25	
" lumber and railing,	19 15	
George Staples, labor,	3 50	
Charles Mason, labor,	8 00	
Town Farm, lumber, post and rails,	52 20	
Field Bros., lumber,	3 40	
Rods and nails,	48	
Mt. Hope Iron Co., spikes,	11 75	
		$242 83
Town appropriation,		200 00
Expended over appropriation,		$42 83

CEMETERIES.

Paid V. B. Rockwood, Centre,	$ 7 95	
" North,	11 40	
Orrin Chilson, South,	8 10	
		$27 45
Town appropriation,		25 00
Expended over appropriation,		$2 45

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Paid Amos Keach,	$1 00	
R. H. Adams,	75	
		$ 1 75
Town appropriation,		10 00
Balance unexpended,		$8 25

TRAMPS.

Paid Henry A. Whitney, care of tramps, 1887-1888,	$33 80	
Henry A. Whitney, care of tramps, 1888 to Feb. 15, 1889,	4775	
		$81 55

No appropriation.

ACCOUNT OF WILLIS WHITNEY.

Paid S. H. Williams, board,	$50 00	
Dr. C. A. Bemis, professional services,	29 00	
		$79 00

No appropriation.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Ruel A. Rockwood, repair of road scraper,	$ 8 20	
George E. Allen, edge and bolts for scraper,	8 50	
R. H. Adams, gravel,	1 50	
Miss Hitchcock, gravel,	3 16	
Elias T. Bates, gravel,	1 80	
Francis Metcalf, gravel,	32	
W. E. Coombs, gravel,	1 80	
Adams Express Co.,	1 35	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight,	25	
Albert B. Estes, watering trough,	5 00	
		$31 88

No appropriation.

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Support of schools,	$2,515 14	$2,684 83
School books,	196 37	100 00
Town officers,	498 77	400 00
Repair of public buildings,	80 35	100 00
Support of poor,	2,542 42	2,000 00
Printing,	37 00	50 00
Repair of highways,	1,011 61	1,000 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	242 83	200 00
Snow bills,	72 79	No appropriation

Labor at cemeteries,	$27 45	25 00
Guide boards,	1 75	10 00
Care of tramps,	81 55	No appropriation
Willis Whitney,	79 00	No appropriation
Miscellaneous,	31 88	
	$7,418 91	$6,569 83

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of schools,	$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00
Interest on town notes,	400 00
Salaries of town officers,	400 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	200 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repair of town buildings,	100 00
Printing,	50 00
Books,	100 00
	$6,500 00

The guide-boards are in good repair.

RUEL F. THAYER,
WILLIAM A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$ 720 00	
County tax,	369 13	
Support of schools,	2,000 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Support of poor,	2,000 00	
Bridges and railings,	200 00	
Printing,	50 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Interest on town debt,	500 00	
To pay town debt,	500 00	
Repair of town buildings,	100 00	
Repair of guide-boards,	10 00	
School incidentals,	150 00	
Town incidentals,	300 00	
Cutting grass and brush in cemeteries,	25 00	
School books,	100 00	
Overlayings,	316 15	
		$8,740 28

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 21, 1888,	$1,280 85
Corporation tax,	4 57
National bank tax,	139 74
Mass. school fund,	206 47
State aid, chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	288 00
State aid, chapter 252, Acts of 1879,	84 00
Temporary support of state pauper,	6 00
County treasurer, dog tax,	205 24
Burial of state pauper,	9 50
Revenue of school fund,	108 12
V. B. Rockwood, wood from cemetery,	1 75
Borrowed of Abby Pickering,	120 00
Calvin Fairbanks, tax of 1885 in full,	79 98
" " 1886, "	663 16
" " 1887,	2,489 56
" " 1888,	5,277 38
Willis Whitney, pension,	10 00
Willis Whitney, state aid,	12 00
Rent of Town House,	4 00

R. F. Thayer, tax of 1883,	$15 27	
" " 1884,	84 73	
		$11,090 32

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 151 Selectmen's orders,	$7,418 91	
State tax,	720 00	
County tax,	369 13	
State aid, chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	288 00	
" " 252, "	198 00	
Interest on town notes,	455 90	
On note of Lucretia Holbrook,	300 00	
Calvin Fairbanks, tax collector of 1885,	87 93	
Taxes abated 1885,	37 38	
Calvin Fairbanks, collector of 1886,	82 60	
Taxes abated, 1886,	34 91	
Traveling expenses,	7 00	
Postage and stationery,	5 00	
Expenses at Town House, fuel, etc.,	8 37	
Collecting taxes 1883-1884,	100 00	
		$10,113 13
Balance in treasury,		$977 19

LIABILITIES.

Nineteen outstanding notes,	$7,493 56	
Interest due (approximately),	300 00	
Due town officers,	300 00	
		$8,093 56

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 19, 1889,	$ 977 19	
Due from state aid,	24 00	
Military aid,	14 00	
R. F. Thayer, tax 1884,	406 75	
Calvin Fairbanks, tax 1887,	200 78	
" 1888,	3,462 90	
		$5,085 62

RUEL F. THAYER, Treasurer.

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DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN FEB. 9, 1889.

10 tons English hay,	$180 00	2-horse wagon,	$45 00
1 ton meadow hay,	10 00	Hooks and ladders,	5 00
Lot corn fodder,	5 00	2-horse express wagon,	135 00
2 heifers,	40 00	Old sleds,	5 00
1 bull,	25 00	Cart body,	5 00
10 cows,	440 00	Iron bar,	1 25
2 horses,	300 00	Small wood,	8 00
4 pigs,	24 00	Market wood,	55 00
1 sow,	16 00	2 bu. seed rye,	2 60
1 1-horse farm wagon,	60 00	Grass seed,	9 38
2 horse sleds,	55 00	Pop corn,	2 50
2 harrows,	9 00	200 lbs. hams & shoulders,	18 00
1 grindstone,	1 00	Salt pork, 575 lbs.,	57 75
50 hens,	25 00	Corned beef, 100 lbs.,	5 00
3 ducks,	3 00	Fresh beef, 48 lbs.,	4 80
1 sleigh,	8 00	Pork ribs, 80 lbs.,	6 40
1 set double harness,	25 00	Lard, 100 lbs.,	10 00
2 single harnesses,	15 00	2 tons coal,	15 00
1 hay cutter,	8 00	½ bbl. cement,	75
Tackle blocks,	7 00	¾ bbl. lime,	90
Wheelbarrow,	2 00	Whitewash brush,	1 50
Cart body,	5 00	2 trowels,	2 00
Mowing machine,	50 00	2 bbls. vinegar stock,	6 00
Lincoln creamer,	30 00	3 " "	12 00
Churn,	10 00	40 bu. potatoes,	26 00
Grain cradle,	2 75	Turnips,	4 00
2 cultivators,	15 00	Soft soap,	15 00
2 plows,	14 00	Kerosene oil,	4 00
7 hand rakes, 1 drag rake,	3 50	4 bbls. apples,	3 00
5 manure forks,	2 00	Ice tongs,	1 25
Hay knife and 4 forks,	2 50	Pails,	2 00
Iron rakes,	6 00	Beans,	3 00
Hoes,	2 50	½ bbl. pickles,	4 00
2 wrenches and hammer,	2 00	Flour,	7 50
Bill hook,	50	Sugar,	50
Cross-cut saw,	2 00	Butter,	50
Meat saw and knives,	2 50	2 nose baskets,	40
Carpenter's tools,	20 00		

Stone hammer, 4 drills,	5 00	Set measures,	2 00
Hand drills,	1 75	Tubs and wringers,	5 75
Breaking hammer,	1 92	Barrels,	5 25
Drill hammer,	1 25	Scalding tub,	1 00
Small pean hammer,	1 05	Powder and fuse,	1 00
Wedges and rounds,	44	Bench,	1 50
4 axes,	2 50	9 hand grenades,	7 69
2 cranberry rakes,	2 50	14 lbs. tobacco,	4 20
Handcuffs,	5 00	Salt,	1 00
Whiffletrees & evener,	2 25	Spice,	1 00
4 chains, one bar,	4 00	5 doz. eggs,	1 25
3 scythe snaths,	4 00	1 gal. molasses,	50
2 bags C. corn,	1 90	1 lb. tea,	60
2 bags C. S. meal,	2 60	Coffee,	32
4 bags meal,	3 80	Onions,	65
50 lbs. bran,	50	Horse blankets,	5 00
Mattock and saw,	2 75	Storm blankets,	3 00
Pickaxe,	1 00	Surcingles,	1 00
Grain bags,	3 00	Logs,	105 00
Wood in house, ready for fire,	25 00	Steelyards,	3 00
Corn on the ear,	40 00		$2,176 15

RECEIPTS ON FARM.

Received from L. A. Cook, old bill,	$ 11 24	
" Overseers,	1,540 96	
" sale of live stock,	56 00	
" pigs,	62 00	
" meat,	69 86	
" butter and eggs,	12 48	
" milk,	472 66	
" wood and lumber,	156 43	
Received for use of bull,	7 50	
" labor,	28 58	
		$2,417 71

EXPENDITURES AT FARM.

Paid for grain,	$617 44
" groceries,	190 33
" flour and crackers,	127 83
" meat,	54 01
" potatoes,	38 36
" fish,	39 32
" butter,	29 16
" skim milk,	11 40
" coal,	50 50
" boots and shoes,	24 20

Paid for live stock,	$396 70	
" hired help,	169 75	
" repairs on buildings,	99 01	
" seeds,	42 31	
" fertilizers,	148 61	
" tobacco,	22 35	
" oil, matches and soap,	26 64	
" salt,	4 35	
" hardware,	86 51	
" general repairs,	30 37	
" blacksmithing,	21 26	
" medicine and doctor's bills,	67 39	
" dry goods,	60 15	
" sundries,	23 94	
		$2,381 89
Cash on hand at farm,		$35 82

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Received.

Cash on hand, March, 1888,	$70 47	
From treasury,	354 04	
" on acc't of Joseph Cross,	169 92	
" " salary of E. W. Woodbury,	477 50	
Town of Milford, old bill,	7 00	
" " "	52 00	
" Norfolk,	18 75	
" Sutton,	94 00	
City of Worcester,	56 00	
Estate of Willis Whitney,	2 10	
		$1,301 78

Expenditures.

Paid.

State pauper burial bill,	$9 50
" David Brasaw,	6 00
Postage, printing, etc.,	2 04
Tickets to Boston,	1 40
Fruit trees, old bill,	18 35
Town of Beverly, in behalf of Henry Wood,	13 40
E. T. Norcross, expense "	8 00
Town of Franklin, old bill,	1 45
Funeral expense of Willis Whitney,	44 00
Dr. King, professional service, Willis Whitney,	2 00
Dr. Bemis, " "	3 75
S. H. Williams, board, "	20 00
Physician's bill and funeral expense Alta White,	56 00
Funeral expense of Mrs. John Phillips,	15 50

Aid to Keorner family,	$ 96 84	
Aid to family of E. Frank Gay,	15 00	
Dr. Sanborn, bill against E. Frank Gay,	3 75	
Dr. Bemis, professional service, Henry Wood,	101 00	
" " P. Smith,	2 50	
" " Mrs. Phillips,	14 00	
E. T. Norcross, services out of town,	5 00	
G. A. Crooks, " "	4 50	
D. C. Cotton, plumber's bill,	58 38	
Aid to Mrs. Willard Thayer, Dec. 1, 1888 to Feb. 2, 1889,	18 00	
E. W. Woodbury, salary,	477 50	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Joseph Cross,	169 92	
E. E. Rockwood, groceries for families of J. L. Johnson and J. R. Bennett,	121 00	
N. W. Sanborn, M. D., professional services, J. L. Johnson,	13 00	
		$1,301 78

OUTSIDE AID.

Joseph Cross, at Worcester lunatic hospital,	$169 92	
John R. Bennett and family, Sutton, J. L. Johnson and family, Milford,	134 00	
Keorner family,	96 84	
Alta White, Worcester,	56 00	
Willis Whitney,	69 75	
Louisa Miller, Franklin,	1 45	
Henry Wood,	21 40	
E. Frank Gay, family,	18 75	
Mrs. Willard Thayer,	18 00	
State paupers,	15 50	
		$601 61

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

From estate of Willis Whitney, as appraised,	$28 33
" Charles Tingley, "	15 50

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Due for milk,	$107 10	
The treasurer has received on account of state paupers,	15 50	
		$122 60
Amount received from treasurer,		$2,542 42
Appropriation,		2,000 00
Expended over appropriation,		$ 542 42

Bills Receivable,	$122 60	
Increase in valuation of property at farm,	328 51	
		$451 11
Net expense above appropriation,		$ 91 31
The overseers desire to call attention to the fact that they have, out of money received from the treasury, expended on repairs,		$157 39
Labor has also been performed on repairs, 47 days, 4½ hours, at $2 per day,		94 90
		$252 29

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

In Account with the Town of Bellingham.

Dr.

Cash on hand,	$ 70 47	
From Treasury,	2,542 42	
Town of Milford,	59 00	
City of Worcester,	56 00	
Town of Norfolk,	18 75	
Town of Sutton,	94 00	
Estate of W. Whitney,	2 10	
Farm receipts,	876 75	
		$3,719 49

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Expenses at Farm,	$2,381 89	
Salary of E. W. Woodbury,	477 50	
Outside aid,	601 61	
Bills of Dr. Bemis,	117 50	
Repairs,	58 38	
Burial expense (Mrs. Phillips),	15 50	
Fruit trees,	18 35	
Traveling,	10 90	
Postage and stationery,	2 04	
Cash on hand, Feb. 14,	35 82	
		$3,719 49

MILTON Z. BULLARD,
GEORGE A. CROOKS,
ELLIS T. NORCROSS,
Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1888.

Date.	Name.	Parents' Names.
Jan. 12.	Edith L. Colburn,	George B. and Fannie M (Eldrich).
Jan. 22.	Freddie Foley,	Timothy and Mary (Ryan).
Feb. 6.	Edith Frances Gardner,	Oliver W. and Adelaide (Nason).
Mar. 17.	Mary P. Desmond,	Cornelius and Mary (Foley).
Mar. 22.	Edith Ella Pickering, (Twins,	Frank P. and Hattie L. (Darling).
Mar. 22.	Ethel Almeda Pickering,)	
April 5.	Mary Louisa Edna Landry,	Frank and Amelia.
April 27.	Paul Roberts,	Joseph and Mary.
May 2.	Louis Frank Brown,	Frank T. and Mary E.
May 9.	Ethel May Hill,	Charles W. and Hattie A. (Aldrich).
May 29.	John Henry Foley,	John and Eliza (Heifferon).
June 2.	James Murphy,	Patrick and Ellen (Carmody).
June 4.	Lilla Annie Spencer,	James A. and Emma S. (Adams).
June 14.	Bell Gertrude Tingley,	Martin V. and Isabella (Gardner).
June 22.	Mabel L. Whipple,	Charles H and Julia M. (Toomey).
July 1.	Walter Gould Bullard.	Otto L. and Clara F. (Gould).
Aug. 4.	Edward Leveque,	Oleyphor and Melvenor (Tragole).
Aug. 8.	Howard Elmer Barrus,	Joseph and Idella (St. George).
Aug. 16	Alphons Leveque,	Alphonso and Olivina (Dufrena).
Aug. 21.	Gracie McCarty,	John and Mary (Garrigan).
Sept. 10	Hugh Francis Smith,	Peter and Bridget (Sullivan).
Sept. 21.	Eugene O'Clare,	Felix and Julia (Leveque).
Nov. 24.	Michael Edward Kennelly,	John and Adeline (Readdy).
Dec. 16.	Adelaide Robbins,	Wm. A. and Minnie A. (Stockbridge).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1888.

Date.	Names of Parties.	Residence.
May 1.	Willie L. Cook,	Bellingham.
	Lillian O. Allen,	"
May 20.	Joseph O'Donnol,	"
	Rose Nichols,	Medway,
June 17.	Frank E. Scott,	Bellingham.
	Emma L. Dearnley,	Millville.
Sept. 12.	Edward E. Rockwood,	Bellingham.
	Hattie A. Osgood,	Foxboro.
Sept. 16.	Frank B. Hoyt,	Sharon.
	Louisa Waldron,	Bellingham.
Nov. 5,	Salem Leveque,	"
	Delia Goin,	Woonsocket, R. I.
Dec. 25.	William H. Walls,	Bellingham.
	Elsie A. Bennett,	Burrillville, R. I.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1888.

Date.		Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Cause of Death.
Jan.	5,	—— Adams,				Stillborn.
	24,	Mattie M. Cole,	21	8		Consumption.
	27,	Sarah Harlow,	81			Old Age.
Feb.	9,	George D. Rockwood,	48	8	30	Tumor on the Brain.
	25,	Fenner Wilcox,	65			Cardiac Debility.
	29,	Lydia A. Spencer,	60	4	13	Aortis Thromboris.
March	8,	Joseph Bosalt,	46			Consumption.
April	2,	Oscar Trotter,	27	5	28	Killed by falling tree.
	3,	James Rhodes,	79		29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
	22,	James Pyne,	59			Pneumonia.
	28,	Lydiaett Partridge,	69			Pneumonia.
May	19,	Susan Howard,	85	10	6	Gangrene.
	28,	Mary Rhodes,	75	3	28	Old Age.
	29,	Mary Angeline Taggard,	73	3	9	Dilitation of Heart.
June	14,	John H. Callahan,	31	7	20	Consumption.
	25,	Paul Roberts,		1	29	Cholera Infantum.
July	6,	Catherine McCarty,	88			Gangrene.
	17,	Sarah W. Bates,	57	3	28	Tumor.
	19,	Alta White,	78			Paralysis.
Aug.	3,	Henry P. Young,	56	3	3	Heart Disease.
	5,	Emma H. Rhodes,	26	3	29	Consumption.
	9,	Nahum Cook,	92	4	12	Ilea-colitis.
	18,	Mary Louisa Edna Landry,		4	13	Cholera Infantum.
	20,	Willis Whitney,	68			Unknown.
	26,	Asahel Mann,	77	4	11	Pyaemia.
Sept.	9,	Celicia A. Wilcox,	73	9	16	Heart Disease.
	10,	Willard B. Scott,	86	9	23	Old Age.
	30,	Eugene O'Clare,			9	Infantile Debility.
Oct.	2,	Albert C. Colburn,	65	11	30	Chronic Diarrhœa.
	11,	James McKellegat,	58			Hem'rhage of stomach.
	30,	Lucy Estes,	85	7	17	Old Age.
Nov.	21,	Ruel H. Adams,	24	7	4	Heart Failure.
Dec.	24,	Elizabeth Evans,	52			Congestion of Lungs.
	26,	Hattie L. Metcalf,	26	8	20	Diabetis.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

School Year Ending March 1, 1889.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1889.

Board of School Committee.

1888.

ORAMEL RICHARDSON,	Term expires 1889
NATHAN A. COOK,	" " 1890
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,	" " 1891

REPORT.

Your committee, in submitting this their annual report, have no apology to make, since they entered upon their duties with a consciousness of their responsibilities, in the full assurance of the weakness of finite human nature, and in recognition of many of the obstacles which they would be called upon to surmount. It is with pleasure that we are able to report a year of fully average prosperity in our schools taken as a whole, though in one or two instances the fall terms failed to reach the desired standard of excellence.

Our schoolhouses are now generally in a fair condition, in two of which new chimneys have taken the place of those which were considered unsafe, and slight repairs made in others where it was found to be necessary. There is still one house (No. 4.) that needs to have extensive repairs on the chimney, or a new one built, which the committee think would be the better way since by so doing a serious inconvenience which now interferes with the blackboards could be remedied without any additional expense. A new fence is also needed to be built around two sides of the lot at school No. 7. In two or more instances our houses have been broken into, presumably in the night time, and personal property either destroyed or carried away. In one instance a clock was taken, which was a repetition of a previous depredation in the same house. Your committee have endeavored by every means in their power to ferret out the intruders, but so far without success.

The committee have brought into exercise their best judgment in the selection of teachers wherever changes have been found necessary, and with one or two exceptions they have been exceedingly fortunate, and so much so that the closing year finds in the service of the town a corps of teachers so admirably adapted to the capacities and wants of their several charges, that to be deprived of either of them would be considered exceedingly unfortunate. And just here we would emphasize the importance and press home to the minds of parents the duty they owe to

their children of co-operation with the teacher. It has so often been repeated in previous reports as to have become an axiom, that those schools which are most frequently visited by the parents reveal by far the greatest proficiency, and instances are not wanting where teachers who have been eminently successful in other schools have made utter failures simply for the want of parental influence and encouragement. This ought not so to be, and until the evil is remedied we feel in duty bound to give the subject a place in our annual report.

Another difficulty and perhaps the most obstinate one with which we have been called upon to contend, is punctuality in attendance. We say it is the most obstinate, in that we find no written law which exactly covers the case. In matters of habitual and prolonged absence from school we have a remedy in the truant laws, but for tardiness and intermittent attendance we must hold the parents mainly responsible. Instances of habitual truancy we are pleased to note have been less frequent than in former years.

In numerous instances the committee have found it exceedingly difficult to get teachers boarded; especially is this the case in schools 3, 4, 7 and 8, and were the present teachers in these school to be removed we question if it would be possibble to get a stranger boarded; and instances might be cited where the best interests of a school seemed to demand a change of teachers, which could not be done on this account.

Your committee have taken into consideration the subject of monthly payments, and since "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and finding that many if not most other towns have already adopted the plan, we see no valid reason why our teachers should be made an exception to the rule which we all concede applies to employees of corporations and individuals, especially as some of them are required to pay their board promptly at the end of every month.

Our schools were visited during the spring term by Mr. George A. Walton, agent of the Massachusetts Board of Education, who, while he expressed his approval of the methods employed by most of our teachers, severely criticised the course pursued by others, especially in imparting elementary instruction. Many valuable hints were given which our teachers seem to have remembered, and points presented which they have evidently

taken advantage of, as may be readily seen in the radical improvement in the methods of primary teaching employed in our schools. Nor is this improvement by any means confined to the younger portion of pupils, since it is plainly noticeable that *improved methods* of imparting instruction are now employed in all our schools, with the most gratifying success. Some changes have been made in text-books, both in readers and geographies. It having been found necessary to replenish our stock of the former, (which had become so badly worn that many of them were unfit for further use, but which by changing the series could be partially utilized in making payment for the new ones,) your committee thought it an opportune time to make the change, which they did by introducing Lippincott's series, and have seen no reason to regret having done so. In the case of geographies, of which the stock was also becoming exhausted, the demand was still more imperative, as will be readily seen by a moment's comparison of Harper's, which has outlived the day of its usefulness, with Warren's, which is brought down to the present trme. In making the latter change no extra expense is incurred, since the new ones are only introduced as fast as the old ones are worn out by putting them into one or two schools at a time, until the change is completed.

In one school, No. 7, the mumps made their appearance the first week of the winter term, and so extensive was the contagion that at no time was there a full attendance, which seriously interfered with the work of the school.

The schools have been in session thirty-three weeks in accordance with the vote of the town, and which the committee would recommend as the minimum length of time for the year ensuing. While we are all ready to admit that an education is the best legacy we can leave to our children, there are none so poor as to be unable to afford it, while the more favored can find no safer or wiser investment than in providing for the intellectual training of the rising generation.

And now we leave in your hands the work of the year—its hopes at the commencement, its results at the close; trusting that the good sense of the town will not fail to recognize that perfection is only found in Deity, while the opposite is an attribute revealed in all mankind.

SCHOOLS.

The following is a *detailed* report of schools:—

No. 1.

This school will hereafter be known by the name of Beaver Pond School. This school has been well taught for the past four years by Mrs. Effie E. Worthen; all the *essential elements* in this school united to make it a perfect success. Let other schools follow this example and they will surely have like success.

No. 2.

This school had the services of Miss Hattie M. Hodgdon, a faithful, conscientious and successful teacher, and the committee regretted to lose her services in this school. Miss Minnie L. Butland was teacher of the second term; an excellent scholar, and one who understood the art of teaching every branch of learning except good behavior, and in this she failed with the rough element of this school. For the third term the committee sought one who had *muscles* as well as brains, and found such an one in Mr. Willie B. May, who gave good satisfaction except to those who had felt the power in the flexors and extensors of his right arm. We hope he can be retained for future service. This school we have called the Cary School, which we hope will meet with general approval.

No. 3.

The first term of this school was taught by Alice L. Meader, who had successfully taught several previous terms, but owing to difficulty occurring outside the school, for which she was not responsible, she declined to teach the second term. She was succeeded by Miss Nellie M. Quincy, who taught the remaining terms with good success. The committee hope her services will be secured the coming year, as a change of teachers would *not* be for the best interest of the school. The committee have a name for this school suggested by Mr. Walton on his visit to this school. We propose to call it the Quinobequin School, the Indian name of the river flowing near it.

No. 4.

This school has been under the watchful care of Mr. Geo. E. Aldrich, who taught with success, satisfactory to committee, and

we believe to parents and pupils. Though reduced in numbers, the interest is still undiminished. In former times nearly one half of the pupils rejoiced in the name of Chilson, and therefore we propose to call this school the Chilson School.

No. 5.

This school enjoyed the labors of Miss Jennie L. Whitney, a hard working, satisfactory, and successful teacher, whose services we hope still to enjoy. With the unanimous and hearty assent of teacher and pupils we have called this the Massey School.

No. 6.

This school was taught by Miss Nannie I. Joslin during the year. Owing to the small number of pupils, the tender years of many, we thought it advisable to give them their share of schooling before the cold weather set in, as it would be impossible to continue a school in winter. Miss Joslin commenced the school without experience, but by persistent labor and the assistance of every help within her reach, improved each term, and we see no reason why she may not, "by well-doing," become a good and successful teacher. We have named this after an old, respected, and well known citizen in this part of the town, and have called this the Wilcox School.

No. 7.

The first term of this school was taught by Mrs. Nellie M. Kelsey with her usual good success, but opportunity offering for a better position in her own town, she relinquished this school to teach there. The second term was taught by Miss Mary E. Emery, but in consequence of a communication published in one of the daily papers reflecting on her mode of conducting the school, she declined to teach a second term. Miss S. Anna L. Tirrell taught the third term to the satisfaction of the committee, and we hope her services may be retained to continue the good work she has so well begun. This school will hereafter be known as the North School.

No. 8.

This school continued to enjoy the faithful, painstaking and successful services of Miss Mamie A. Billings, and although robbed of some of its best scholars and reduced in numbers, the

interest remains the same. This school shows the best attendance of all our schools, only two tardy marks appearing on the register during the year. Its name, City School, will indicate its locality.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation,	$2,000 00	
Income of the state school fund,	206 47	
" dog tax,	205 22	
Revenue of school fund,	108 12	
Interest, surplus revenue,	140 00	
" school bank,	25 00	
		$2,684 81
Appropriation for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		$2,684 81
Expended for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		2,515 14
Amount unexpended,		$169 67

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

No. 1. Willie Davis, Arthur F. Shennen, John E. Woodbury.

No. 2. Fred Richards, Eddie O'Donnell, Charles Gould, Mabel Hunter, Alice Bullard, Susie Metcalf, Grace Richards.

No. 3. Stephen B. Clark, Eddie Gardipie, Lottie Clark, Tillie J. Cook, Hattie M. Cook.

No. 4. Irene Fisk, Stella Gay, Annie Bennett, Elsie Trask, Blanche Thompson, Austin Thompson, Charlie Fisk, Bertie Trask, Clifton Trask.

No. 5. Sadie Billings, Florence Cook, Gracie Fisk, Lloyd Thayer.

No. 7. Minnie Coombs, Minnie Foley, Pearl Grant, Earl Grant.

No. 8. Florence Pickering, Katie Allen, Sarah Allen, Annie Evans, Gertie Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Hattie Merrill, Hattie Staples, Eva Cook, Rosy Normandie, Evalena Normandie, Kennie Staples, Arthur Woodbury, Nattie Pickering.

SECOND TERM.

No. 1. Arthur Shennen.

No. 2. Annie Stowe, Eddie Tingley.

No. 3. Sarah Bowditch, Fannie Bowditch, Robbie Wade, Stephen Clark, Aleck Gardipie.

No. 4. Irene Fisk, Blanche Thompson, Elsie Trask, Claia Sorel, Napoleon Sorel, Willie Trask.

No. 5. Sadie Billings, Lloyd Thayer, Ellery Thayer, Carrie Taylor.

No. 6. Corlise Robbins, Walter Robbins.

No. 7. Minnie Foley, Henry Foley.

No. 8. Sarah Allen, Annie Evans, Gertie Pickering, Eva Cook, Mamie Pickering, Arthur Woodbury, Richard Allen, Kennie Staples, Hattie Merrill.

THIRD TERM.

No. 1. Willie Davis, Cora Tingley, Jennie Tingley.

No. 2. Eddie Tingley, Ethel Tingley, Willie Williams Annie Stowe.

No. 3. Fannie Bowditch, Stephen Clark, Tillie J. Cook, Hattie Cook, Jennie Cook, Myra Gerstle.

No. 4. Irene Fisk, Blanche Thompson, Elsie Trask, Rosie Mortenson, Bertie Chilson, Bertie Trask, Willie Trask.

No. 5. Sadie Billings, Florence Cook, Walter Cook, Grace Fisk, Maud Fisk, Forrest Hancock, Ethel Spencer, Susie Thayer, Lloyd Thayer, Ellery Thayer, Carrie Taylor, Manning Taylor, Charles Marble, Willie White.

No. 6. Walter Robbins, Corlise Robbins.

No. 7. Garrett Fitzpatrick, Johnnie Fitzpatrick, Minnie Coombs.

No. 8. Gertie Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Eva Cook, Arthur Woodbury, Willie B. Lee.

ORAMEL RICHARDSON,
NATHAN A. COOK,
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,
School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO. 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1888.

Schools.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of school in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of Visitors.
	First Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	17	14.8	13.6	.92+	11	3	2¾	$32 00	24
No. 2.	Hattie M. Hodgdon	36	33.6	32.6	.96+	22	7	2¾	40 00	28
No 3.	Alice L. Meader	17	15.33	14.58	.95+	11	5	2¾	30 00	25
No. 4.	George E. Aldrich	21	19	18.1	.90	15	10	2¾	36 00	18
No. 5.	Jennie L. Whitney	31	28.95	26.95	.93+	13	4	2¾	36 00	45
No. 6.	Nannie I. Joslin	14	13.1	12.35	.94+	4	0	3¼	28 00	17
No. 7.	Nellie M. Kelsey	43	39.31	34.56	.87+	28	4	2¾	40 00	19
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	29	27.125	26 16	.96+	16	14	2¾	36 00	24
	Second Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	17	15.15	14.14	.933+	12	1	2¾	32 00	21
No. 2.	Minnie L. Butland	37	35.4	32.8	.92+	22	2	2¾	40 00	18
No. 3.	Nellie M. Quincy	18	17.38	16.66	.95+	12	5	2¾	28 00	25
No. 4.	George E. Aldrich	24	19.87	16.975	.85+	16	6	2¾	36 00	26
No. 5.	Jennie L. Whitney	35	32.15	29.4	.91+	14	4	2¾	36 00	50
No. 6.	Nannie I. Joslin	12	11 4	10.4	.91+	3	2	2¾	28 00	13
No. 7.	Mary E. Emery	43	42 03	36.01	.85+	22	2	2¾	40 00	29
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	27	24.76	23.44	.94+	21	9	2¾	36 00	28
	Third Term.									
No. 1.	Effie E. Worthen	16	14.75	12.72	.8666	10	3	2¾	32 00	30
No. 2.	Willie B. May	38	35.08	30.91	.88+	24	4	2¾	40 00	23
No. 3.	Nellie M. Quincy	17	16.08	15 41	.95+	12	6	2¾	30 00	23
No. 4.	George E. Aldrich	16	14.94	13.19	.87+	10	7	2¾	36 00	16
No. 5.	Jennie L. Whitney	37	35.5	33.38	.90+	18	14	2¾	40 00	38
No. 6.	Nannie I. Joslin	14	11.62	10.86	.93+	3	2	2¾	28 00	6
No. 7.	S. Anna L. Tirrell	40	36.83	31.08	.84+	26	3	2¾	40 00	28
No. 8.	Mamie A. Billings	20	17.86	17.365	.97+	15	5	2¾	36 00	16

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1888.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Number over 15 years of age	Average wages of teachers per week.
Number 1	21	14.9	13.3	90.6+	12	0	0	1	$ 8 00
Number 2	40	34.69	32.1	92	24	2	0	1	10 00
Number 3	17	16.26	15.55	95	12	1	1	2	7 16⅔
Number 4	23	17.93	16.088	87.3+	16	0	4	0	9 00
Number 5	39	32.05	29.91	91.3+	18	0	2	2	9 33⅓
Number 6	14	12.04	11.2	92.6+	4	1	0	0	7 00
Number 7	49	39.05	33.88	85.3+	28	0	0	1	10 00
Number 8	33	23.248	22.32	95.6+	21	0	3	1	9 00
Total average	236	190.168	174.348	91+	135	4	10	8	8 68¾

Number of children in town, May 1, 1888, between the ages of 5 and 15,	220
Number of scholars in all the schools for the year,	236
Average membership for the year,	190.168
Average attendance for the year,	174.348
Percentage for the year,	.91+
Number between 8 and 14 years,	135
Number over 15 years,	8
Number under 5 years,	4
Number neither absent nor tardy,	10
Average wages of teachers per week,	$8.64+

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 21, 1890.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1890.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid Nannie J. Joslyn,	$249 00	
Nellie M. Quincy,	281 00	
Jennie L. Whitney,	355 00	
Mabel F. Brown,	134 00	
Mary L. Linton,	246 00	
Ella S. Crowell,	349 00	
Geo. E. Aldrich,	278 25	
Mamie A. Billings,	316 75	
Anna L. Tirrell,	113 00	
Joseph Gerstle, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 35	
		$2,323 35

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid Ray Woolen Co., coal,	$15 75	
Oramel Richardson, wood,	1 40	
Nathan A. Cook,	20 32	
L. Francis Thayer, wood and coal,	57 88	
Oramel Richardson, fixtures,	70	
George A. Crooks, wood,	3 13	
N. D. Woodworth, coal,	13 00	
A. H. Trask, wood,	3 75	
B. W. Woodbury, school fixtures,	15 50	
A. G. Burr,	2 00	
F. W. Tingley, sawing and splitting wood,	4 00	
W. O. Rhodes, wood,	1 25	
S. L. Metcalf, wood,	6 25	
J. E. Camp, wood,	3 00	
O. L. Bullard, coal,	13 50	
V. B. Rockwood, wood,	2 50	
W. L. Ripley, fixtures,	9 92	
		$173 85

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Nathan A. Cook,	$13 26	
Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Co.,	12 20	
Harper & Bros.,	24 57	
Thompson & Brown,	19 50	
F. M. Ambrose,	15 80	

Boston School Supply Co.,	24 83	
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	1 50	
Cowperthwaite & Co.,	79 05	
		$190 71
Appropriation,		150 00
Expended over appropriation,		$40 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Geo. A. Williams, services as Constable,	$ 5 00	
Geo. A. Crooks, services as Overseer,	15 00	
M. Z. Bullard, "	35 00	
D. A. Wade, services as Auditor,	10 00	
N. A. Cook, services as Superintendent of Schools and Book Agent,	110 00	
Orrin Chilson, services as Selectman, Registrar and perambulating town line,	26 00	
W. A. McKean, services as Selectman and Registrar,	24 00	
E. B. Stowe, services as Assessor,	31 50	
Henry A. Whitney, services as Truant Officer,	3 50	
S. Burr, services as Assessor,	27 50	
O. C. Rhodes, services as Assessor,	25 00	
R. F. Thayer, services as Treasurer, Selectman and Registrar,	51 00	
		$363 50

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid Geo. A. Williams, schoolhouse No. 2,	$ 2 45	
T. E. Morse, painting at Town Farm,	163 25	
F. J. Bemis, repair of schoolhouses,	38 87	
Woonsocket Spool & Bobbin Co., lumber, etc.,	38 96	
A. G. Burr,	2 60	
L. A. Cook, lime, etc.,	4 15	
Field Bros., lumber for Town Farm,	25 76	
J. E. Camp, plank,	7 87	
S. F. Coombs, repairs,	4 20	
W. E. Hawes, "	13 70	
A. S. Arnold, "	7 91	
A. B. Drake, "	21 31	
		$331 03

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid 25 Selectmen's orders,	$1,932 50
Appropriation,	1,800 00
Expended over appropriation,	$132 50.

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings,		$47 00
Appropriation,		50 00
Unexpended,		$3 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid V. B. Rockwood, labor at Centre Yard,	$7 25	
Francis Metcalf, labor at North Yard,	6 70	
		$13 95
Appropriation,		25 00
Unexpended,		$9 05

REPAIR OF HIGHWAY.

Paid L. Francis Thayer,	$48 13	
" horses,	90 00	
" man,	13 50	
Hiram Cook, labor, 237 hours,	35 55	
John Gerstle, " 247 "	37 05	
John Henderson, " 105 "	15 75	
John Snodgrass, " 75 "	11 25	
Lewis Whitney, " 30 "	4 50	
Amos Keach, " 20 "	3 00	
P. P. Cook, " 15 "	2 25	
" horses, 15 "	3 00	
Ruel Smith, 5 hours,	60	
" 10 hours,	1 50	
Irving White,	52	
Clark Ellis' Sons, shovel, picks, etc.,	6 30	
E. R. Darling, powder and fuse,	1 64	
Frank Gay,	37 80	
George Fisk, labor,	60	
R. F. Thayer, 57 loads gravel,	2 28	
		$315 22
J. E. Camp, labor, 164 hours,	28 70	
Two men and four horses on scraper, 74 hours,	51 80	
One man and two horses, 339 hours,	118 65	
Camp's men, labor, 336 hours,	50 40	
Abiram W. Wales, 2nd, 143 hours,	21 45	
Jeremiah Haynes, 85 hours,	12 75	
V. B. Rockwood, 10 "	1 50	
Jerry Callahan, 10 "	1 50	
Robert McGuire, 67½ "	10 12	
Charles Partridge, 30 "	4 50	
Herbert Labadie, 20 "	3 00	
Albert Labadie, 20 "	3 00	

Samuel Metcalf, carting stone,	$ 2 80		
John Lyons, 27 hours,	4 05		
Michael McGuire, 30 hours,	4 50		
Francis McGuire, 205 hours,	30 75		
James Haley, 67½ "	10 12		
William Haley, 100 "	15 00		
J. E. Camp, 209 loads gravel,	6 27		
David F. Adams, 18 "	54		
Herman Koerner, 28 "	84		
Mrs. Wm. Pyne, 103 "	3 09		
		$385	33
W. A. Burr, labor, 335 hours,	58 64		
" horses, 325 "	70 25		
Frank Gay, labor, 95 "	14 25		
Lewis Whitney, labor, 160 "	24 00		
Charlie Crooks, " 140 "	21 00		
George Crooks, " 245 "	36 75		
L. Francis Thayer, labor, 125 "	21 14		
" horses, 125 "	29 75		
John J. Gerstle, labor, 150 "	22 50		
Charles H. Burr, " 110 "	17 50		
Elwyn Taft, " 90 "	13 50		
John Henry, " 70 "	10 50		
Comfort Brown, " 75 "	11 25		
Willie Cook, " 30 "	4 50		
Joseph Fish, 75 loads gravel,	3 00		
Powder and drills,	2 25		
		$360	78
		$1,061	33

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid J. E. Camp, plank,	$31 95		
A. M. Adams, labor,	2 75		
John Cross, labor,	1 50		
W. A. Burr, old bill, lumber of Woonsocket Spool & Bobbin Co.,	9 61		
L. F. Thayer, 2 days,	3 50		
" horses,	4 50		
H. A. Barbour, 16 hours,	2 40		
F. Gay, 16 "	2 40		
John Henderson, 4 "	60		
L. F. Thayer, plank, 1,146 ft.,	22 91		
" bridge stringers,	5 00		
		$ 87	12
Appropriation,		200	00
Unexpended,		$112	88

BEAR HILL ROAD.

Paid A. M. Perham, 149 hours,	$33 52	
W. D. Perham, 139 "	20 85	
" use of horse,	1 00	
J. E. Camp, 18 hours,	3 15	
" horses, 51 hours,	10 20	
" man, 115 "	17 25	
Robert Cross, 17 "	2 55	
Francis McGuire, 7 "	1 05	
William Haley, 7 "	1 05	
T. N. Ide, drills, blacksmithing,	3 06	
		$ 93 68
Special appropriation,		100 00
Unexpended,		$6 32

GUIDE BOARDS.

They are in need of repair.

TRAMPS.

Paid as per Overseers' account, $29 92

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. O. Wilcox, water trough,	$5 00	
Albert Estes, "	5 00	
Voting shelves,	5 24	
P. P. Cook, watering trough, 1887,	5 00	
" " 1888,	5 00	
Ballot Clerks,	8 00	
		$33 24

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Support of schools,	$2,497 20	$2,571 25
School books,	190 71	150 00
Town officers,	363 50	400 00
Repair of public buildings,	331 03	275 00
Support of poor,	1,932 50	1,800 00
Printing,	47 00	50 00
Repair of highways,	1,061 33	1,000 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	87 12	200 00
Repair on Bear Hill road,	93 68	100 00
Labor at cemeteries,	13 95	25 00
Miscellaneous,	33 24	300 00

School incidentals,		$ 150 00
Guide boards,		5 00
	$6,651 26	$7,026 25

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of schools,	$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00
Interest on town notes,	400 00
Salaries of town officers,	400 00
Repairs of bridges and railings,	200 00
Town incidentals,	300 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repair of town buildings,	100 00
Printing,	50 00
Books,	100 00
	$6,500 00

RUEL F. THAYER,
WILLIAM A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$ 600 00	
County tax,	379 99	
Support of schools,	2,000 00	
Repair of highways,	1,000 00	
" " special appropriation,	100 00	
Support of poor,	1,800 00	
" " deficiency 1888,	542 42	
Repair of bridges and railings,	200 00	
Printing,	50 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
" deficiency of 1888,	98 77	
Interest on town note,	400 00	
Repair of town buildings,	275 00	
To pay town note,	500 00	
Repair of guide boards,	5 00	
School incidentals,	150 00	
Town incidentals,	300 00	
School books,	150 00	
" deficiency of 1888,	96 37	
Clearing of cemeteries,	25 00	
Overlayings,	380 35	
		$9,452 90

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	$ 977 19	
Corporation tax,	2 79	
National bank tax,	140 20	
Mass. school fund,	208 85	
County treasurer, dog tax,	197 20	
Temporary support of state paupers,	6 00	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879,	272 00	
" " 279, "	104 00	
Calvin Fairbanks, tax collector 1887, in full,	292 00	
" " 1888, "	3,565 89	
" " 1889,	6,293 90	
R. F. Thayer, " 1884,	200 00	
Use of Town House, by H. A. Whitney,	3 25	
Received for wood on South cemetery,	113 00	
		$12,376 27

EXPENDED.

153 Selectmen's orders,	$6,626 51	
State tax,	600 00	
County tax,	379 99	
State aid, chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	310 00	
" " 279, " "	136 00	
Interest on town note,	637 54	
Note of Lucretia Holbrook, in full,	200 00	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector of 1887,	81 55	
Abated taxes, "	101 21	
" 1888,	80 56	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector of "	88 43	
Traveling expenses,	5 00	
Postage and stationery,	4 75	
Expenses of Town House, fuel, etc.,	10 10	
Insurance on town buildings,	45 60	
Note of Abby Pickering,	35 00	
Purchase of estate of Herman Koerner, for taxes,	38 24	
" " John Wood "	19 23	
Printing bills for Collector,	3 50	
Account book, "	1 36	
		$9,404 57
Cash on hand,		2,971 70
		$12,376 27

LIABILITIES.

Eighteen outstanding notes,	$7,258 56	
Interest due, approximately,	150 00	
Due town officers, "	300 00	
		$7,708 56

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	$2,971 70	
State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879,	30 00	
" " 279, "	14 00	
Due on tax of 1884,	206 00	
Due " 1889,	3,159 00	
		$6,380 70
		$1,327 86

RUEL F. THAYER,
Treasurer.

I have examined the above and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1890.

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 1, 1889,	$ 35 82
Cash from Town Treasurer,	1,876 82
Cash from town of Sutton,	98 00
Town farm receipts,	1,047 55
Total,	$3,058 19

CR.

By expenses at town farm,	$2,023 15
Salary of E. W. Woodbury, Jan. 1, '89 to Jan. 1, '90,	492 50
Outside aid,	514 39
Expenses of attending Relief Association meetings,	15 03
Printing blank notices, envelopes and printing,	7 70
Postage, stationery and blank books,	2 35
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1890,	3 07
Total,	$3,058 19
Town appropriation,	$1,800 00
Treasurer has received from the state on account of state-paupers,	6 00
Total,	$1,806 00
Amount drawn from the Treasurer,	$1,876 82
Balance overdrawn,	70 82

OUTSIDE AID.

Joseph Cross, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$169 46
Mary A. Allen, " "	9 29
Sarah Cross, at Danvers "	17 18
Mrs. Willard Thayer,	93 50
George C. Tingley,	76 50
John R. Bennett and family, of Sutton,	106 00
Mrs. Jennie Beach and two children, state paupers,	6 00
Kate Clarey, state pauper,	36 46
Total,	$514 39

BILLS PAYABLE.

E. B. Stowe, store account,	$94 50
F. Metcalf, lumber and sawing,	5 00
Total,	$99 50

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Hunter & Greenwood, for lumber,	$97 56
January milk,	72 52
State,	36 46
Town of Sutton,	8 00
Miscellaneous bills,	5 45
Total,	$219 99

OLD BILLS PAID, BUT NOT REPORTED LAST YEAR.

L. A. Cook,	$45 98
E. E. Rockwood,	12 00
M. Foley,	10 00
	$67 98
Feb. 1, 1889 to Feb. 1, 1890, 178 tramps,	$29 92

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1890.

RECEIPTS AT THE FARM.

For cash from Overseers,	$975 60
Milk,	755 21
Stock,	153 50
Wood,	73 86
Use of bull,	10 50
Miscellaneous,	54 48
Total,	$2,023 15

EXPENDITURES AT THE FARM.

For grain,	$444 92
Groceries and farm supplies,	390 20
Meat, fish and oysters,	144 34
Flour and crackers,	133 50
New cart,	100 00
Hired help,	266 85
Hardware, seeds, etc.,	73 07
Boots, shoes and dry goods,	70 91

Fertilizer,	$ 54 10
Blacksmithing and repairs,	54 71
Rent of pasture land,	50 00
Sawing lumber,	31 07
Butter and cheese,	68 60
Hay,	27 22
Coal,	26 16
Skim milk,	24 40
Hens,	12 80
Dr. Sanborn,	27 50
Dr. Bemis,	10 00
Medicine,	12 80
Total,	$2,023 15

FARM BILLS PAYABLE.

E. B. Stowe, store account,	$94 50
Francis Metcalf, lumber and sawing,	5 00
Total,	$99 50

FARM BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Hunter & Greenwood, for lumber,	$97 56
January, milk,	72 52
Miscellaneous bills,	5 45
Total,	$175 53
Cost of painting and repairs of house,	$163 25
Cost of lumber for building horse-stable in shed,	25 76
Amount drawn from the appropriation for repairs of Town buildings,	$189 01

The number of weeks' board supplied to the inmates during the year, has been 550.

The average age of the ten inmates is now 69 years and 8 months.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 1, 1890.

20 tons English hay,	$ 360 00	1 ton coal,	$ 6 50
4 " meadow "	36 00	Cement,	50
Rowen hay,	18 00	Lime,	75
11 cows and 1 bull,	460 00	Whitewash brushes,	3 50
1 calf,	2 00	2 trowels,	2 00
2 horses,	275 00	3 bbls. vinegar,	16 00
2 shoats,	30 00	60 bushels of potatoes,	54 00
1 one-horse farm wagon,	60 00	Kerosene oil,	4 00
2 sleds,	55 00	Apples,	1 50

3 harrows,	$ 6 00	Ice tongs,	$ 1 25
1 grindstone,	8 00	Pails,	2 00
65 fowls,	39 00	Beans,	3 00
7 ducks,	7 00	Flour,	5 75
1 sleigh,	5 00	Pickles,	2 00
1 set double harnesses	25 00	Sugar,	1 00
1 hay cutter,	8 00	Butter,	8 00
2 single harnesses,	15 00	Stone hammer and 4 drills,	5 00
Tackle blocks,	7 00	Hand drills,	1 75
1 wagon jack,	1 50	Breaking-hammer,	1 75
1 new cart,	100 00	Drill hammer,	1 25
1 storm blanket,	2 50	Small pean hammer,	1 00
Market wood,	24 00	Wedges and rounds,	44
1 wheelbarrow,	2 00	2 axes,	1 00
1 mowing machine,	50 00	2 cranberry rakes,	2 50
1 Lincoln creamer,	30 00	Handcuffs,	5 00
1 churn,	10 00	Whiffletrees and evener,	2 25
1 grain cradle,	2 75	9 chains,	6 00
2 cultivators,	15 00	3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
2 plows,	14 00	C. corn and meal,	1 60
7 hand and 1 drag rakes,	3 50	Mattock,	1 25
3 manure forks,	2 25	4 saws,	3 00
1 hay knife and 4 forks,	2 50	Pickaxe,	1 00
1 iron rake,	25	Grain bags,	3 00
Hoes,	2 50	Corn on the ear,	12 00
2 wrenches and 1 hammer,	1 00	1 set of measures,	2 00
1 bill hook,	50	Tubs and wringer,	5 00
1 cross-cut saw,	2 00	Barrels,	5 00
Meat saw and knives,	2 50	Scalding tub,	1 00
Carpenters' tools,	14 00	Powder and fuse,	2 00
1 two-horse wagon,	40 00	Bench,	1 50
Hooks and ladders,	5 00	9 hand grenades,	7 69
1 two-horse express wagon and top,	120 00	Tobacco,	2 00
Iron bar,	1 25	4 dozen eggs,	1 20
Small wood,	50 00	Spices,	2 00
Seed rye,	1 50	Molasses,	7 50
Pop corn,	3 00	Tea,	5 50
200 lbs. ham and shoulders,	18 00	Onions,	5 00
425 lbs. salt pork,	29 75	Horse blankets,	7 00
Pork ribs,	3 20	Surcingles,	1 25
100 lbs. lard,	8 00	Logs,	10 00
		Total,	$ 2210 63

WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
SENECA BURR,
GEO. A. CROOKS,

Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cas and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,		$ 25 00
Paid V. B. Rockwood, labor,	$ 7 25	
Francis Metcalf, "	6 70	13 95
Unexpended,		$ 11 05

CEMETERY FUND.

The Town has received the following sums in perpetual trust: —

From estate of Bathsheba A. Benedict, Interest due since Jan. 6, 1882.	$ 25 00
From estate of Sarah B. Holbrook, Interest due since Oct. 29, 1888.	$100 00
From estate of Abigail P. Eaton, Interest due since June 29, 1889.	$ 50 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
FRANCIS METCALF,
HENRY A. PICKERING,

Committee on Cemeteries.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1889.

Date.		Name.	Name of Parents.
Feb.	4.	Avery Wilson Metcalf,	Francis P. and Nettie (Cook).
	8.	Vera Hortense Thayer,	John P. and Estella M. (Bates).
	9.	Michael Joseph Kennedy,	Michael jr. and Esther (Coyle).
Mar.	1.	Mary Ellen Murphy,	John and Maggie (Ryan).
	2.	Catherine Elizabeth O'Donnell,	Joseph and Rose (Nichols).
	16.	Vestella May Burr,	William A. and Alice A. (Chilson).
May	5.	Arthur Ambrose Keefe,	John E. and Mary (Craighton).
	5.	Lillian Albertine Colburn,	George E. and Fannie M. (Eldridge).
	19.	Abby May Camp,	Judson E. and Dora A. (Thayer).
June	3.	Bernice E. Cook,	Willie L. and Lillian O. (Allen).
	9.	John Bristo Nugent,	Charles J and Christine M. (Westcott).
	18.	Stewart Lyman Adams,	Stewart and Martha (Rutherford).
July	5.	Addie May McKean,	Wm. A. and Mary J.
Aug.	5.	Frederick Levaque,	Salem and Delia (Goin).
	8.	Caroline Susan Trask,	Alba and Susan M. (Whipple).
	13.	Ethel Fulton Maxcy,	Jonathan B. and Maryanna (Rounds.)
	22.	Isabella Louisa Lloyd,	Robert and Annie (Gorman)
	31.	Ernest Eugene Belcher,	Edward A. and Ellen M. (Leland).
Sept.	28.	Mary Ann Foley,	John and Eliza (Hefferon).
Oct.	29.	Jennie Koerner,	Herman and Mary T. (Tormanex).
	30.	Amy Florence Aldrich,	Albert A. and Susan F. (Adams).
Nov.	8.	Elijah Benjamin Staples,	George A. and Etta G. (Bethel).
Dec.	17.	Mary Isabella Fitzpatrick,	Maurice jr., and Esther M. (Shea).
	19.	William Isador Wright,	Isador and Julia (Woodard).
	24.	Fisher,	James and Irene A.
	25.	Hattie Christine Miett,	Charles E. and Flora M. (Adams).
	25.	Willie Clarey,	Katie (Clarey).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1889.

Date.		Names of Parties.	Residence.
Jan.	28.	Maurice Fitzpatrick,	Bellingham.
		Esther M. Shea,	"
Jan.	31.	Fred E. Cook,	Milford.
		Mabel Rockwood,	Bellingham.
March	28.	Elwin M. Taft,	Blackstone.
		Henrietta Rhodes,	Bellingham.
April	18.	Edward A. Belcher,	Bellingham.
		Ellen M. Bowditch,	"
June	11.	Eugene Readon,	Bellingham.
		Johanna Ryan,	"
	18.	William A. Coombs,	Bellingham.
		Cynthia L. Westcott,	"
	26.	Willie R. Cook,	Bellingham.
		Bertha Clark,	Mendon.
Sept.	25.	Fred E. Osborne,	Bellingham.
		Ida M. Bates,	"
Oct.	1.	William H. Forbes,	Bellingham.
		Ella Scott,	"
	7.	William A. Chesson,	Bellingham.
		Sadie O'Donnell,	"
	23.	Albert L. Clark,	Bellingham.
		Fannie H. Rockwood,	"
Nov.	28.	William F. Brennan,	Medway.
		Mary E. Coyle,	Bellingham.
	28.	Wilfred D. Howard,	Milford.
		Ella M. Thayer,	Bellingham.
Dec.	18.	Elbridge A. Rhodes,	Bellingham.
		Cora E. Warfield,	Blackstone.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1889.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Feb. 7.	Betsey A. Fairbanks,	85	9	22	Heart Disease.
Mar. 3.	Catherine Elizabeth O'Donnell,			1	Debility.
May 12.	J. Elmer Crooks,	22	5	8	Consumption.
June 4.	Bernice E. Cook,			1	Congestrito heart Disease.
6.	Henry Wood,	48	10	20	Asertes.
7.	Lillian O. Cook,	22	10	26	Puerperal septicaemia.
12.	Stewart Lyman Adams,			4	Jaundice.
26.	Susan A. Wilcox,	58	3		Locomota Atapia.
30.	Abby May Camp,		1	12	Infantile Diarrhœa.
July 1.	Arthur Roy Knight,		6	2	Cholera Infantum.
4.	James P. Thayer,	70	4	4	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 13.	Horatio Thayer,	84	4	17	Dysentery.
20.	David L. Staples,	1	8	2	Pneumonia.
25.	Isaac F. Shepard,	73	1	18	Chronic Dysentery.
Sept. 19.	Abigail Thayer,	93	4	21	Old Age.
25.	Lewis Clifton Paul,	5		10	Cerebral Meningitis.
25.	Henry Howard,	85	8	7	Old Age.
Oct. 8.	Thomas F. Martin,	46	1	9	Heart Disease.
12.	Jacobs,				Stillborn.
Nov. 8.	Jennie Koerner,			10	Cerebral Meningitis.
9.	Mary J. Desmond,		11	19	Meningitis.
28.	Rhoba Thayer,	85	3	1	Paralysis.
Dec. 5.	Minerva Mann,	73	5	28	Paralysis.
25.	Willie Clarey,			1	Loss of blood.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

School Year Ending March 1,

1890.

MILFORD, MASS.:
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1890.

Board of School Committee.

1889.

NATHAN A. COOK,	Term expires 1890
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,	" " 1891
NATHAN W. SANBORN, M. D.,	" " 1892

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham: —

The School Committee, once more, according to the requirements of the state law, present to you their report of the condition of the schools for 1889-90, and the needs of the schools for the coming year.

During the year just closed we have had a few things to contend with, many more to encourage us. Change of teachers in four of the schools added to the work put upon the scholars. Every time a new teacher takes charge of a school, the scholars have to study the ways and methods, and one half the term is passed before good solid work is begun. The best methods of teaching today require less book study and more blackboard work. Our school buildings, furnished when blackboards were less used than they are now, require more blackboard space than is to be found in any of them. The Chilson schoolhouse had some new blackboards put in during the repairs of last summer, and a test is being made of *roll* blackboards that can be taken home by teachers and there the exercises written.

A new fence is needed at the North school, and better sanitary accommodations at several of the schools. The late inspection of the Massey schoolhouse by a member of the District Police was followed by orders: "The outside doors of said building must open out or both ways," "and you are hereby directed to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building, by means of brick or metallic flues, aided by heat or mechanical means." The Committee recommend the building of a storm-porch, and during school hours having the inside doors padlocked back. The question of ventilation is more difficult to solve. It seems impossible for the air in the Massey schoolroom, with the number of scholars that attend, to reach the degree of "badness," found by Mr. Moore an hour after the opening of the school. We think an examination of the air in the schoolroom any day when the outside air is found to be "good" will show a different result. Nearly all our other school buildings have some

means of ventilation, but this school has none, except the use of windows. Some means must be devised to introduce pure air as well as to eject the foul. With a west wind blowing a small gale, it is very easy for any one to ventilate a schoolroom, but on a muggy day the best system of ventilation, run by one who fully understands the subject, utterly fails. Ventilation in the Massey building must be attended to during the present vacation.

La grippe caused many an absent mark on our registers, and more than one school lost a session during the winter term owing to its grip.

We wish to call especial attention to object teaching in the schools. If parents and friends would more often visit our schools, and see the intense interest shown when a picture is drawn on blackboard, or nuts, pegs, or other articles used, they would be well paid for both time and effort. "The beginner no longer learns his A, B, C, but is taught to read by the phonic and word methods. He learns words, sees the objects, and receives ideas. There is no halting in his reading, and no spelling of words, and the consequence is that the child reads smoothly because he reads intelligently. Now the number of words that the child learns in the course of a term is small, but the number and variety of sentences which can be formed from those words is quite large. The child is taught to make his own combinations, as well as to read the combinations made for him by his teacher, and in this manner his reading exercise becomes an exercise in forming sentences of his own, that calls into active operation the constructive powers of his mind and teaches him the right use of language."

Our present teachers are competent and successful. It is true that our ungraded schools put upon some of them more classes and recitations than we think ought to be committed to one teacher, but we trust that the first day of the new term will find every one of them at their desks.

SCHOOLS.

The following is a *detailed* report of schools :—

Beaver Pond.

This school was taught, and well taught, for five successive years by Mrs. Effie E. Worthen, who declined furthur service.

The Committee sought to find, if possible, a teacher to continue the good work so well done in the past, and preserve the discipline and good standing of the school.

The Committee finally engaged Miss Abbie M.Hood to teach the first term of the school, she being highly recommended to us as a successful teacher. Miss Hood commenced her labors with a fair prospect of success, but on the sixth week abandoned the school without consulting the Committee, or expressing the least dissatisfaction, but always expressed herself well pleased with her school. After an interval of one week the Committee engaged the services of Miss Mabel F. Brown to teach the remainder of of the term and also the second term.

We regret to be obliged to say, we do not think Miss Brown did justice to herself or school; that dreadful malady, home-sickness, prevented good discipline and good progress in study. Mr. George E. Aldrich, a teacher who had previously taught with good success in this town, was removed from Chilson school to teach this. He, by firm, but kind and painstaking endeavor, restored order and good feeling between teacher and pupil, and the school is in a fair way to resume its place in the front ranks of our schools. "As is the teacher, so is the school."

Cary.

This school was taught the entire year by Miss Ella S. Crowell. During the year good discipline and good progress in study was the result of the faithful labor of a faithful, energetic and progressive teacher.

North.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss S. Anna L. Tirrell with most gratifying success. Miss Tirrell enjoyed the confidence and respect of her pupils, which made duty pleasant and teaching a success. We think Miss Tirrell made a mistake when she left this pleasant school to teach elsewhere. Miss Tirrell was succeeded by Miss Mary L. Linton, who taught the two remaining terms to the almost entire satisfaction of an exacting, faultfinding, "antiquated" Committee. We hope her services in this school will continue.

Quinobequin.

This school has enjoyed the continued, faithful, successful, satisfactory services of Miss Nellie M. Quincy during the year,

and shows clearly that it is good policy to continue the services of a faithful teacher. This school shows the best attendance of all our schools.

Massey.

Miss Jennie L. Whitney continued her faithful service in this school during the entire year. We believe her teaching will make a lasting impression for good on every pupil of her school. We hope Miss Whitney will not "be weary in well doing," for the reward is sure.

Chilson.

The first two terms of this school enjoyed the continued, faithful services of George E. Aldrich, who labored faithfully with good and faithful scholars. With such a teacher and such scholars failure was impossible, and success sure. At the close of the second term Mr. Aldrich was transferred to the Beaver Pond school, hoping by his experience he would improve the discipline and usefulness of that school. The third term was taught by Miss E. L. Smith, a teacher of experience, who by faithful service, maintained the reputation of the school previously acquired by the labors of her predecessors, and taught the term to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Wilcox.

Miss Nannie I. Joslin continued "to teach the young ideas how to shoot" during the year. Miss Joslin labored hard, deserved and won success. The best feeling continued between teacher and pupils, and attendance was good until the last term, when sickness reduced the school to a very small number.

City.

This school was taught during the year by Miss Mamie A. Billings, who held the school to its work. Idleness and disobedience were things unknown, teacher and pupils uniting to make the school a success, and in this they succeeded. This school has made great improvement in the few past years, notwithstanding the obstacles it has encountered.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriation,	$2,000 00
Income of the state school fund,	208 88

Dog tax,	197 20	
Revenue of school fund,		
Interest on surplus revenue,	140 00	
" school bank,	25 00	
		$2,571 08
Appropriation for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		$2,571 08
Expended for teachers' wages, fuel and care of schoolhouses,		2,497 20
Amount unexpended,		$73 88

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

Beaver Pond.—Ruby Wales.

Cary.—Ethel A. Tingley, Annie B. Stowe.

North.—Grace Grant, Pearl Grant, Minnie Foley, Minnie Coombs, Willie Callehan, Elwin Coombs, Agnes Macy.

Quinobequin.—Sarah Bowditch, Tilla Cook, Aleck Gardepie, Frank Gardepie, Robbie Wade.

Massey.—Sadie Billings, Alice Blake, Grace Fisk, Florence Cook, Susie Thayer, Maud Fisk, Walter Cook, Willie White, Lloyd Thayer, Waldo White, Ellery Thayer.

Chilson.—Irene Fisk, Elsie Trask, Blanche Thompson, Rose Morteson, Willie Trask.

Wilcox.—Florence Rhodes.

City.—Sarah J. Allen, Gertie Pickering, Peter Jacobs, Mamie Pickering, Bertha Pickering, Hattie Staples, Hannah Staples, Josephine Jacobs, Richard Allen, Kennie Staples, Nattie Pickering, George Whipple, Arthur Woodbury.

SECOND TERM.

Beaver Pond.—Ruby Wales.

Cary.—Annie B. Stowe, Ethel W. Tingley, Harry T. Howard, Arthur St. George, Harry Camp.

North.—Grace Grant, Minnie F. Coombs, Minnie E. Foley, Pearl Grant, Mary Kennelly, Elwin G. Coombs, E. Earl Grant, Francis G. Naughtin.

Quinobequin.—Jennie F. Cook, Myra Gerstle, Aleck Gardepie, Damesie Gardepie.

Massey.—Grace Fisk, Susie Thayer, Florence Cook, Maud Fisk, Ellery Thayer, George Keith.

Chilson.—Irene Fisk, Elsie Trask, Blanche Thompson, Melissie Bennett, Bell Morteson, Rose Morteson, Willie Trask.

Wilcox.—Florence Rhodes, Cortice Robbins, Walter Robbins, Olive Robbins.

City.—Hannah Staples, Emma Marchen, Arthur Woodbury, Willie B. Lee, Kennie Staples.

THIRD TERM.

Beaver Pond.—Bertha Albee, Arthur Shannon.

Cary.—Annie B. Stowe, Edithel W. Tingley.

North.—Henry J. Foley, Minnie F. Coombs, Eva M. Arnold, Grace Grant.

Quinobequin.—Jennie F. Cook, Hattie M. Cook, Myra Gerstle, Aleck Gardepie, Damesie Gardepie, Robbie W. Wade.

Massey.—Florence J. Cook.

Chilson.—Bella Morteson, Rose Morteson, Blanche Thompson, Helen Thompson.

City.—Mamie Pickering, Nattie Pickering, Nealie Arnold, Richard Allen.

NATHAN A. COOK,
STEPHEN F. COOMBS,
NATHAN W. SANBORN, M. D.,

School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO. 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS, 1889.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	No. neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of Visitors.
	First Term.									
Beaver Pond.	Abbie M. Hood and Mabel F. Brown.	18	15.11	12.46	82.4	12	1	2¾	$32 00	20
Cary.	Ella S. Crowell.	41	35.16	32.91	94	28	5	2¾	40 00	25
North.	S. Anna L. Tirrell.	46	43.5	38.6	88	32	7	2¾	40 00	31
Quinobequin.	Nellie M. Quincy.	16	15.56	15.03	96	9	5	2¾	32 00	22
Massey.	Jennie L. Whitney.	32	31.08	29.63	95	16	11	2¾	40 00	28
Chilson.	George E. Aldrich.	19	14.45	13.83	95	12	5	2¾	32 00	13
Wilcox.	Nannie I. Joslin.	14	13.66	12.65	92.5	5	1	3¼	28 00	3
City.	Mamie A. Billings.	25	23 29	23.33	97	17	13	2¾	36 00	28
	Second Term.									
Beaver Pond.	Mabel F. Brown.	19	12.92	11 55	89	14	1	2¾	28 00	17
Cary.	Ella S. Crowell.	32	31.66	29 49	93	19	6	2¾	40 00	12
North	Mary L. Linton.	49	45.29	42.48	94	31	8	2¾	40 00	21
Quinobequin.	Nellie M. Quincy.	17	14.78	13.81	93	8	4	2¾	32 00	21
Massey.	Jennie L. Whitney.	32	28.5	25.9	91	15	6	2¾	40 00	26
Chilson.	George E. Aldrich.	17	15.73	14.07	90	11	7	2¾	32 00	6
Wilcox.	Nannie I. Joslin.	17	14.46	13.675	94.5	5	4	2¾	32 00	16
City.	Mamie A. Billings.	26	22.92	21.12	92	19	5	2¾	36 00	36
	Third Term.									
Beaver Pond.	George E. Aldrich.	13	11.33	10.53	93	8	2	3	32 00	21
Cary.	Ella S. Crowell.	31	31.08	28.01	90	21	2	3	40 00	17
North.	Mary L. Linton.	44	38.32	34.48	90	29	4	3	40 00	35
Quinobequin.	Nellie M Quincy.	15	13.21	12.16	92	8	6	3	32 00	16
Massey.	Jennie L. Whitney.	25	24.08	21.93	91	14	1	3	40 00	26
Chilson.	E. L. Smith.	19	16.66	15.28	91	10	4	3	32 00	14
Wilcox.	Nannie I. Joslin.	16	14.26	11.23	78.7	9	0	2¼	32 00	3
City.	Mamie A. Billings.	24	21.25	18.63	87	15	4	3	36 00	21

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1889.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years of age.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Number over 15 years of age.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Beaver Pond	19	12 29	11.8	90	12	1	0	1	$ 8 00
Cary	44	32.64	30.14	92	28	1	1	1	10 00
North	53	42.26	38.49	91	32	1	2	0	10 00
Quinobequin	16	14.52	12.30	84	9	0	1	2	8 00
Massey	37	27. 7	25.83	92	16	1	1	1	10 00
Chilson	19	15.51	15.06	97	12	1	2	1	8 00
Wilcox	17	14.12	12.51	87.9+	9	2	0	0	7 30
City	28	22.72	21.03	92	19	0	0	1	9 00
Total average	233	181.93	167.16	90	136	7	7	7	8 78¾

Number of children in town, May 1, 1889, between 5 and 15 years,	217
Number of scholars in all the schools for the year,	233
Average membership for the year,	181.93
Per cent for the year,	.90+
Number between 8 and 14 years,	137
Number 15 years,	7
Number under 5 years,	7
Number neither absent nor tardy,	7
Average wages of teachers per week,	$8.78¾

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TEACHING SCHOOLS AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid Mary L. Linton,	$339 00	
S. Anna L. Tirrell,	113 00	
N. M. Quincy,	289 00	
E. E. Worthen,	90 00	
J. L. Whitney,	251 00	
George E. Aldrich,	295 50	
M. A. Billings,	306 00	
Winnie L. Cook,	270 00	
Mabel A. Drake,	182 00	
Catherine C. Cary,	182 00	
S. Gertrude Leonard,	91 00	
Alice K. Richardson,	103 00	
A. M. Gerstle, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 50	
S. W. Allen, care of schoolhouse,	18 00	
		$2,531 00

FUEL AND SCHOOL FIXTURES.

Paid A. G. Burr, wood,	$ 5 75	
George E. Aldrich, sawing wood,	3 75	
Frank Dawley, wood,	24 75	
Jarvis Cook,	1 25	
N. W. Sanborn, supplies,	7 96	
S. F. Coombs, wood and cutting,	3 30	
Orrin Fisk, clock,	1 50	
Albert A. Aldrich, wood and coal,	50 00	
Perry H. Dawley, wood,	10 00	
Olney J. Chilson, wood and fixtures,	7 51	
A. S. Arnold, stove linings, etc.,	3 50	
D. C. Cotton, stove, etc.,	27 13	
George A. Staples, wood,	16 00	
Ray Woolen Co, coal,	26 76	
L. A. Cook, coal,	7 00	
H. A. Barney, coal,	40 85	
		$237 01
		$2,768 01
Appropriation,		2,679 66
Exceeded appropriation,		$88 35

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		$100 00
Paid George F. King and Merrill,	$21 05	
Boston School Supply Co.,	5 00	
Edward E. Babb, books,	34 03	
American Book Company,	5 19	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	6 00	
A. C. Stockin, books,	4 05	
Harper & Brothers,	3 37	
		$78 69
Unexpended,		$21 31

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid James Fisher, Constable,	$ 5 00
Warren E. Fairbanks, services as Overseer of Poor,	50 00
George A. Crooks, services as Overseer of Poor,	15 00
Seneca Burr, services as Overseer of Poor,	30 00
Daniel A. Wade, services as Auditor,	6 00
Orrin Chilson, services as Selectman and Registrar,	24 00
R. F. Thayer, services as Selectman, Treasurer, and Registrar,	51 00
W. A. McKean, services as Selectman and Registrar,	24 00
Nathan A. Cook, services as Supt. of Schools and Book Agent,	130 00
E. B. Stowe, services as Assessor,	29 00
Seneca Burr, services as Assessor,	25 00
O. C. Rhodes, services as Assessor,	25 00
Henry A. Whitney, Clerk for 1889,	12 00
Henry A. Whitney, Recording Clerk,	21 50
Henry A. Whitney, supplies,	23 61
Henry A. Whitney, Constable for 1888, and Probation Officer,	9 75
Henry A. Whitney, Clerk and supplies for 1888,	35 09
Henry A. Whitney, recording births,	21 15
N. A. Cook, Calvin Fairbanks, Henry A. Whitney, as Forest Fire Wards,	6 25
Henry A. Whitney, Constable to March, 1890,	5 00

Henry A. Whitney, Truant Officer, 1890,	$ 3 50	
		$551 85
Appropriation,		400 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$151 85

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid B. W. Woodbury, glass,	$ 1 50	
J. E. Camp, lumber for schoolhouse fence,	53 47	
Ruel A. Rockwood, painting schoolhouse,	44 53	
Ruel A. Rockwood, painting schoolhouse fence,	12 91	
Ellis Bullard, painting schoolhouse,	11 24	
Olney Chilson, repair and labor on schoolhouses,	40 55	
S. W. Allen, grading about schoolhouses,	5 75	
E. E. Grant, supplies for repairs,	3 77	
Albert Chilson, painting schoolhouses,	95 81	
George Nelson, blacksmith supplies,	10 14	
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware and supplies,	67 87	
F. J. Bemis, labor and mason supplies,	141 35	
L. F. Thayer, labor and supplies,	18 87	
J. E. Camp, lumber,	2 30	
Henry A. Whitney, repairs on lockup,	1 25	
L. Francis Thayer, planks and moving seats,	5 88	
L. Francis Thayer, grading,	8 10	
A. B. Drake, labor,	22 55	
		$547 84
Appropriation,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$347 84

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid 23 Overseers' orders,	$2,116 20
Appropriation,	1,800 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$316 20

PRINTING.

Appropriation,	$50 00
Paid G. M. Billings,	47 00
Unexpended,	$3 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid Orrin Chilson and man,	$9 65	
V. B. Rockwood,	7 35	
Warren Lazell,	1 50	
Stephen Clark,	3 40	
N. E. Howes,	4 35	
Crooks Boys,	5 55	
		$31 80
Appropriation,		30 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$1 80

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, 297 hours,	$51 98	
L. F. Thayer, scraping 76 hours,	41 80	
Horses, 345 "	69 80	
John Henderson, 79 "	11 85	
Frank Gay, 307 "	46 05	
Charles Burr, 58 "	8 70	
Carroll White, man, 10 "	1 50	
Ira Fisk, 51 "	7 65	
Hiram A. Cook, 155 "	23 25	
O. A. Cook, 18 "	2 70	
W. H. Forbes, 133 "	19 95	
J. M. Robinson, 109 "	16 35	
Comfort Brown, 60 "	9 00	
Milton Holbrook, 109 "	16 35	
John R. Thayer, 29 "	4 35	
Robert Henderson, 47 "	7 05	
John Brown, 5 "	75	
Mrs. Hannah Bates, 115 loads gravel,	4 60	
L. F. Thayer, 56 loads gravel,	2 24	
Fred W. Smith, 161 loads gravel,	6 44	
		$352 36
W. A. Burr, 213 hours,	$37 28	
W. A. Burr, horses, 55 hours,	15 00	
L. F. Thayer and 4 horses, scraping, 108 hours,	75 60	
Elwyn Taft, 107½ hours,	16 13	
George Crooks, 127 "	19 05	
Marshall Brushaw, 65 "	9 75	
Frank Gay, 87 "	13 05	
Willie Wales, 135 "	20 25	
Will Robbins, 30 "	4 50	
Patrick Connolley, 150 "	22 50	
Mowing brush, 460 "	69 00	
W. A. Burr, man and team, 50 hours,	17 50	

L. F. Thayer, man and team, 20 hours,	$ 7 00	
Fred Rhodes, 30 hours,	3 00	
Horace Bates, 80 "	12 00	
John Lammon, 20 "	3 00	
Mr. Robinson, 20 "	3 00	
		$347 61
J. E. Camp, 93 hours,	$16 27	
J. E. Camp, 4 horses and man, 58 hours,	40 60	
J. E. Camp, 2 " 296 "	103 60	
J. E. Camp, 2 horses and 2 men, 4 hours,	2 00	
J. E. Camp, man, 258 hours,	38 70	
John Burns, 10 hours,	1 50	
Asa Ellis, 10 "	1 50	
George Colburn, 71 "	10 65	
Edward McKean, 30 "	4 50	
Oliver Fisher, 36 "	5 40	
James Fisher, 30 "	4 50	
Patrick Magoty, 10 "	1 50	
George Gerish, 80 "	12 00	
Abiram Wales, 58 "	8 70	
James Campbell, 95 "	14 25	
Jeremiah Haynes, 48 "	7 20	
John Joslin, 85 "	12 75	
George Nugent, 85 "	12 75	
Michael McMahan, 60 "	9 00	
Patrick O'Donnel, 58 "	8 70	
Francis McGuire, 45 "	6 75	
John Jennison, 68 loads gravel,	2 04	
Addison Burr, 58 "	1 74	
D. F. Adams, 58 "	1 74	
J. E. Camp, 25 "	75	
Edward Vaughan, powder and fuse,	6 00	
Frank Dawley and 2 horses, 2 hours,	70	
Addison Wight, 15 hours,	2 25	
		$338 04
		$1,038 01
Appropriation,		1,000 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$38 01

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Appropriation,		$100 00
Paid Eugene Rhodes, repairing bridge,	$ 6 00	
W. A. Burr, labor repairing bridge,	4 50	
W. A. Burr, lumber for repairing bridge,	19 40	
W. A. Burr, bridge railing,	7 80	
J. E. Camp, material and labor,	18 37	

L. F. Thayer, labor and plank,	$ 6 41	
		$62 48
Unexpended,		$37 52

GUIDE-BOARDS.

They are in need of repair.

TRAMPS.

104 tramps,	$19 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, moving safe,	$ 10 00	
Freight on safe,	4 48	
1 fire-proof safe for records,	200 00	
1 bulletin board, B. W. Woodbury,	1 00	
Aid to John Morris (soldiers' aid),	22 83	
Expenses of H. A. Whitney, Morris case,	3 00	
James O. Richardson, ballot clerk,	2 00	
Daniel Sullivan, ballot clerk,	2 00	
P. P. Cooke, watering trough,	5 00	
H. A. Whitney, care of Town House, balance due,	3 15	
L. F. Thayer, wood for Town House,	6 00	
Calvin Fairbanks and others, extinguishing fires,	27 50	
		$286 96
Appropriation town incidentals,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$86 96

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriated.	Expended.
Support of schools,	$2,679 66	$2,768 01
School books,	100 00	78 69
Town officers,	400 00	551 85
Repair of public buildings,	200 00	547 84
Support of poor,	1,800 00	2,116 20
Printing,	50 00	47 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00	1,038 01
Repair of bridges and railings,	100 00	62 48
Labor at cemeteries,	30 00	31 80
Support of tramps,		19 90
Miscellaneous,	200 00	286 96
Guide-boards,	10 00	

Cemetery fund, interest,	$ 30 00	$ 4 16
Overlayings,	335 79	
	$6,935 45	$7,552 90

ESTIMATES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Support of schools,	$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
Repair of highways,	1,000 00
Interest on town notes,	400 00
Town officers,	400 00
Bridges and railings,	200 00
Town incidentals,	200 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Repair of town buildings,	200 00
Printing,	50 00
Books for schools,	100 00
Cemeteries and cemetery fund,	50 00
Guide-boards,	20 00
	$6,570 00

RUEL F. THAYER,
WILLIAM A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	$ 525 00	
County tax,	403 73	
Support of schools,	2,000 00	
Repair of highways,	1,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,800 00	
Town officers,	400 00	
Bridges and railings,	100 00	
Printing,	50 00	
Interest on town notes,	200 00	
Repair of town buildings,	200 00	
Repair of guide boards,	10 00	
School incidentals,	100 00	
Town incidentals,	200 00	
School books,	100 00	
Cemeteries,	30 00	
Cemetery fund, interest on,	30 00	
Overlayings,	335 79	
		$7,484 52

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	$2,971 70	
Corporation tax,	6 48	
National Bank tax,	143 10	
State aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1879,	68 00	
" " 301, "	308 00	
Dog tax, County Treasurer,	202 58	
Support of state paupers,	36 46	
Burial " "	10 00	
Income of Massachusetts school fund,	212 08	
Calvin Fairbanks, collector 1889, tax in full,	3,253 89	
" " 1890 tax,	5,642 87	
Tax of 1884,	206 00	
		$13,061 16

EXPENDED.

180 Selectmen's orders,	$7,548 74
State tax,	525 00

County tax,	$ 403 73	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879,	298 00	
" " 279, "	72 00	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector of taxes,	95 47	
" " abated,	40 08	
" " printing,	4 50	
Tax on John Wood property, for the town, 1889,	9 24	
Tax on John Wood property, for the town, 1890,	6 05	
Tax on Herman Koerner, 1889,	15 84	
" " 1890,	12 10	
Rebate of Scammel lot, tax of 1890,	11 25	
Principal on town notes,	1,829 00	
Interest "	254 88	
Traveling expenses of Treasurer,	6 00	
Postage and stationery,	4 50	
Abated taxes of 1884,	206 00	
Labor on cemetery lot (Sarah Holbrook),	3 41	
" " (Abigail P. Eaton),	75	
		$11,346 54
		$1,714 62

LIABILITIES.

Twelve outstanding notes,	$5,423 56	
Interest due (approximately),	300 00	
Due town officers,	400 00	
		$6,123 56

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	$1,714 62	
Due on 1890 tax,	1,841 65	
Due from state aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1879,	30 00	
" " " 279, "	14 00	
		$3,600 27
		$2,523 29

RUEL F. THAYER,
Treasurer.

I have examined the above and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1891.

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 1, 1890,		$ 3 07
Cash from Town Treasurer,		2,116 20
Town farm receipts,		1,052 58
From Patrick Allen, part payment of M. A. Allen's Hospital bill,		40 13
Total,		$3,211 98

CR.

By expenses at town farm,		$2,216 60
Salary of E. W. Woodbury, Jan. '90 to Jan. '91,		500 00
Outside aid,		464 83
Expenses to Relief Association & traveling expenses,		24 15
Record book, stationery, printing, and postage,		5 40
Pension certificate for J. M. Bates,		1 00
Total,		$3,211 98
Amount drawn from Treasurer,		$2,116 20
Town appropriation,	$1,800 00	
Treasurer has received from state for state paupers,	46 46	
		$1,846 46
		$269 74

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Town of Sutton,	$100 00
Bills due Town Farm,	68 08
	$168 08

Outside Aid.

Joseph Cross, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$169 46
Mary A. Allen, " "	128 61
Sarah Cross, at Danvers, "	64 08
John R. Bennett and wife of Sutton,	92 00
Burial of Willie Clarey, state pauper,	10 00
Mary Smith, transportation,	68
Total,	$464 83

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1891.

To cash from Overseers,	$1,164 02
Milk,	647 45
Stock,	236 16
Wood,	135 42
Use of bull,	20 00
Miscellaneous,	13 55
	$2,216 60

Expenditures at the Farm.

For grain,	$ 548 44
Groceries and farm supplies,	396 03
Meat, fish and oysters,	134 22
Flour and crackers,	124 20
Hired help,	216 86
Rent of pasture,	50 00
Hardware and seeds,	141 84
Boots, shoes and dry goods,	84 21
Fertilizer,	46 25
Blacksmithing and repairs,	84 62
Scraper and stone drag,	13 50
Butter and cheese,	75 45
Coal,	29 59
Skim milk,	28 50
Stock,	198 00
Medicine and medical attendance,	44 89
Total,	$2,216 60

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM AS APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

11 cows,	$440 00	1 bill-hook,	$ 25
2 bulls,	55 00	1 cross-cut saw,	2 00
Calves,	15 00	Meat saw and knives,	2 50

22 tons English hay,	$	330 00	Carpenters' tools,	$	12 00
7 tons meadow hay,		56 00	1 2-horse wagon,		40 00
Oat fodder,		6 00	Hooks and ladders,		5 00
2 shoats,		10 00	Iron bar,		1 25
2 horses,		225 00	Small wood,		33 00
Sled,		50 00	Seed rye,		1 50
Corn,		15 00	250 lbs. ham and shoulder,		22 50
7 ducks,		5 25	450 lbs. salt pork,		36 00
75 hens,		37 50	80 pounds of lard,		6 40
2-horse express wagon,		120 00	Ice tongs,		2 50
Cutaway harrow,		25 00	Pails,		2 00
Scraper,		9 00	Flour,		32 50
Stone drag,		5 00	Pickles,		1 75
Grindstone,		8 00	Sugar,		1 00
1 ton coal,		6 50	Butter,		6 00
1 1-horse farm wagon,		60 00	Stone hammer, 4 drills,		5 00
Plaster,		2 00	Hand drills,		1 75
Whitewash brushes,		3 50	Breaking hammer,		1 25
2 trowels,		2 00	Drill hammer,		1 25
2 bbls. vinegar and vinegar stock,		14 00	Small pean hammer,		1 00
30 bushels of potatoes,		30 00	Wedges and rounds,		44
Oil,		4 00	1 axe,		75
3 harrows,		6 00	2 cranberry rakes,		2 50
Sleigh,		5 00	Handcuffs,		5 00
1 set double harnesses,		25 00	Whiffletrees and evener,		2 25
1 hay cutter,		8 00	7 chains,		5 00
2 single harnesses,		15 00	3 scythes, and snaths,		3 50
Tackle blocks,		7 00	Corn, meal and oats,		16 25
1 wagon jack,		1 25	Mattock,		1 25
New cart,		100 00	1 set measures,		1 00
1 storm blanket,		2 00	Tubs and wringer,		5 00
5 wheelbarrows,		10 00	Barrels,		5 50
1 mowing machine,		40 00	Scalding tub,		1 00
1 Lincoln creamer,		25 00	Powder and fuse,		1 00
1 churn,		8 00	Bench,		1 50
1 grain cradle,		2 75	9 hand-grenades,		7 69
2 cultivators,		14 00	Tobacco,		3 60
2 plows,		12 00	Spices,		2 00
1 drag, 6 hand rakes,		3 00	Molasses,		10 50
3 manure forks,		2 00	Tea,		6 00
1 hay knife and 4 forks,		2 50	Horse blankets,		5 00
1 iron rake,		25	Surcingles,		1 00
1 jocky stick,		2 00	Logs,		10 00
Hoes,		1 00	Ice,		75 00
2 wrenches, 1 hammer,		1 00	Hewing axe,		2 25
				$	2,219 88

All repairs have been paid out of the pauper appropriation.
Number of weeks' board, 533.

Average age of the 10 inmates at the Farm at present, 70 years, 8 months.

TRAMPS.

Feb. 1, '90 to Jan. 31, '91, 104 tramps, $19 90

WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
SENECA BURR,
GEO. A. CROOKS,

Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined the above and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. WADE, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES.

Paid Orrin Chilson and men,	$9 55	
V. B. Rockwood,	7 35	
Warren Lazell,	1 50	
Stephen Clark,	3 40	
N. E. Howes,	4 35	
Crooks Boys,	5 55	
		$31 80
Appropriation,		$30 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$1 80

CEMETERY FUND.

The cemetery funds are in the following condition:—

Aug. 1, 1890, Fund of Bathsheba A. Benedict,		$43 00
June 29, 1890, Fund of Abigail P. Eaton,	$52 00	
Expended,	75	
		$51 25
Oct. 29, 1890, Sarah B. Holbrook,	$108 00	
Expended,	3 41	
		$104 59

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
FRANCIS METCALF,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Committee on Cemeteries.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

During the past year there have been licensed :—		
107 male dogs at $2,	$214 00	
6 female dogs at $5,	30 00	
		$244 00
Received for fees and returns,		$25 00
Paid County Treasurer,		$219 00
Mortgages recorded,		8
Marriage certificates recorded,		11
Marriage certificates returned,		10
Deaths recorded,		19
Births recorded, (year ending Dec. 31, '90,)		31

RECORD OF FIRES.

There have been four fires during the year, as follows: —

Jan. 13.—At Taft, McKean & Co.'s mill. Loss, $65; no insurance. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

April 23.—In wood land of John M. Drake, burning 2 acres of his land; Robbins heirs, 28 acres; George Howard's heirs, 8 acres. Damage estimated by Forest Fire Wards, $252. Cause, Ariel B. Drake setting fire in meadow land and losing control of it.

July 16.—Wood land of William Aldrich, 8 acres; George A. Staples, 2 acres; N. A. Cook, 1¼ acres; B. W. Woodbury, 3 acres; C. H. Whipple, ¾ acre; Gustavus Williams, ¼ acre. Damage estimated by Forest Fire Wards, $201. Cause, sparks from engine of New York & New England railroad setting fire in Blackstone, and burning into the Town of Bellingham.

Oct. 27.—Barn of Orlando M. Cook, totally destroyed; house damaged; occupied by Joseph P. and N. A. Maranda. Loss on barn, $400, insurance paid, $250; house, $100, insurance paid, $85; contents of barn of J. P. Maranda, $1400, insurance paid, $720; A. N. Maranda, $300, insurance paid, $260. Cause, incendiary.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1890.

DATE.	NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 9,	Flora Auclair,	Felix, jr., and Julia (Levesque).
Feb. 10,	John J. Riordan,	Eugene and Johannah (Ryan)
March 2,	Henry William Wicks,	Carlton A. and Nellie (McMilon).
March 9,	Grace Isabella White,	Warren E. and Grace (Forbes).
March 9,	Trombly,	Felix and Trombly.
March 11,	Willard French Sanborn,	Nathan W. and Annie (Mathewson).
April 7,	Ralph Sherman Barbour,	Clarence E. and Josie (Sherman).
April 13,	George Burns,	Clifford and Olive (Contor).
May 27,	Rachel Smith,	Fred W. and Maggie (Gillon).
June 4,	Maud Eldora Pickering,	Frank P. and Hattie A. (Darling).
June 8,	Helen Amanda Bennett,	Albert J. and Hattie J. (Darling).
June 12,	Martin Joseph Kennelly,	James and Julia (Sullivan).
June 20,	William Henry Kennedy,	Michael, jr., and Etta (Coyle).
July 6,	Gladys Margaretta Colburn,	Edgar E. and Grace (Cross).
Aug. 1,	Maud Alice Crawford,	Wm. W. and Lillian G. (Bowditch).
Aug. 12,	John Roland Osborne,	Fred E. and Ida M. (Bates).
Aug. 18,	Eugene Levesque,	Oleyefchore and Melvina (Flagolle).
Aug. 27,	Minnie Gardner,	Oliver W. and Adelaide (Nason).
Sept. 26,	Bertha Elinor Phillips,	Charles H. and Orinda (Rockwood).
Sept. 28,	Francis Luther Robertson,	James M and Matilda (Mee).
Oct. 1,	Joseph Richards,	Joseph and Mary (Kane).
Oct. 8,	Edward Marchant,	Joseph and Sarah (Dutrane).
Oct. 18,	Dennis Francis Murphy,	Patrick and Ellen (Carmody).
Oct. 20,	Albert Levesque,	Salem and Delia (Goin).
Nov. 9,	Louis H. Maranda,	Joseph P. and Azelda (Lemonda).
Nov. 16,	Maud Angelina McNutt,	Arthur D. and Lucy A. (Burk).
Dec. 1,	Martin Osgood Rockwood,	Edward E. and Hattie A. (Osgood).
Dec. 10,	Fred Robbins,	Wm. A. and Minnie A. (Stockbridge).
Dec. 12,	William Michael Foley,	Timothy and Mary (Ryan).
Dec. 22,	Gaspare Lachapelle,	Arthur and Melvina (Duclos).
Dec. 23,	Mitchell,	Edwin F. and Lydia O.
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Aug. 25,	Raymond R. Davis,	Wm. H. and Mary (Lancy).
Dec. 18,	Mary McCarty,	John and Mary (Garrigan).
Dec. 28,	Charles Frederick Whipple,	Charles H. and Julia (Turmey).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1890.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Feb. 12,	George E. Thayer,	Bellingham.
	Minnie F. Bicknell,	Mendon.
March 18,	Amos T. Adams,	Bellingham.
	Annie T. Hardy,	Brockton.
March 25,	Arthur D. McNutt,	Franklin.
	Lucy A. Burk,	Bellingham.
April 3,	Benjamin A. S. Whitman,	Providence, R. I.
	Arabel E. Barbour,	Bellingham.
June 15,	Stephen E. Scott,	Bellingham.
	Bertha M. Cook,	Woonsocket, R. I.
July 3,	Comfort T. Brown,	Bellingham.
	Nettie E. Wells,	Bellingham.
Oct. 21,	Simon Burk,	Bellingham.
	Maggie Mahon,	Franklin.
Nov. 27,	John McMahon,	Bellingham.
	Nellie Murphy,	Bellingham.
Nov. 27,	Francis E Arnold,	Bellingham.
	Caroline E Howes,	Bellingham.
Dec. 3,	Fred H. Claflin,	Hopkinton.
	Ida A. Adams,	Bellingham.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1890.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 11,	Beth Ray Sanborn,	5	1	14	Membranous Croup.
Jan. 21,	Amos Keach,	62	10	26	Bright's Disease.
Jan. 23,	George H. Wheeler,	26			Consumption.
Jan. 30,	John J. Gerstle,	79	11	16	Old Age.
Feb. 17,	John J. Riordan,			7	
Feb. 20,	Adeliza Wilcox,	65	11	17	Cancer.
Feb. 25,	Alfred Levesque,		6	6	Convulsions.
Mar. 13,	Orra Hitchcock,	82	3		Cancer.
June 11,	Mary R. Williams,	66	3	18	Cardiac Embolism.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
June 21,	Elvira Fenton,	74			Eczema.
June 23,	Whipple O. Chilson,	62		18	Apoplexy.
June 28,	Ellis Bullard,	78	10	11	Sunstroke.
July 15,	Peter McKean,	69	10		Diabetes.
July 17,	Mary Wheeler,	48	8		Heart Failure.
Sept. 30,	Stephen F. Coombs,	61			Bright's Disease.
Oct. 3,	Elias Cook,	85	9	15	Old Age.
Oct. 17,	Lucy F. Cook,	82	3	22	Pneumonia.
Oct. 21,	George W. Googins,	75	7	24	Pleuritis.
Oct. 28,	Hamilton Jillson,	85			Old Age.
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April 21,	John N. Rhodes,	72	8	3	Paralysis.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1890-91.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1891.

Board of School Committee.

1890-'91.

*STEPHEN F. COOMBS,	Term expires	1891
NATHAN W. SANBORN, M. D.,	"	1892
OLNEY J. CHILSON,	"	1893

*Deceased.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The School Committee submit the following report:—

During the school year death took from our ranks Stephen F. Coombs, Chairman of the Committee. He was greatly interested in educational affairs, giving both time and thought to the schools. Though he will not be seen by teachers and scholars, yet his influence will be felt for years to come.

In teachers we have been more fortunate than last year. During the school year twelve different persons have taught, five teaching the entire year. Three schools have had the same teachers during all the terms of the year. In all the schools good progress has been made. If parents would visit the schools during the term and learn the ways and methods of the teachers, we think they would then be more willing to co-operate with the teacher in securing good attendance and discipline.

On three of the school buildings our national flag floats on pleasant days. We are glad of the interest parents and scholars have taken in procuring these flags, and in the use of them. The outcome can only be to make us all the more loyal to this our native land.

During the past year the School for Truants at Walpole reported to us as ready to receive pupils from this town. So far we have had none to send to this school.

We wish to call your attention to the Public Statutes as amended concerning the attendance of children in the schools:—

*SECTION 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of

time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred.

† SECTION 2. For the purposes of the preceding section school committees shall approve a private school only when the teaching in all the studies required by law is in the English language, and when they are satisfied that such teaching equals in thoroughness and efficiency the teaching in the public schools in the same locality, and that equal progress is made by the pupils therein, in the studies required by law, with that made during the same time in the public schools; but they shall not refuse to approve a private school on account of the religious teaching therein.

*1889, Chapter 464; 1890, Chapter 384. † 1889, Chapter 464.

During the summer vacation changes were made at the Massey schoolhouse in the method of heating and ventilating. A Puritan jacketed stove was put into the west corner of the room and the other stove set up in the south corner. A large chimney for smoke and ventilating flues was built at the rear of the room. The ventilating flue contains a small stove to increase the rapidity of the ascending current of foul air. There are no valves in outlet or inlet to regulate the amount of air used. Experience has shown us that in cold weather the air comes in too fast to be sufficiently warmed, and to lessen the current we had to close part of the outlet and dispense with a fire in the ventilating stove. During the next vacation arrangements will be made to regulate the amount of air admitted. With this addition and experience in running the fires, we think that pure and warm air will certainly be found in our Center schoolhouse.

The District Police have visited the North schoolhouse, but we have as yet received no orders from them.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The town treasurer has received for school purposes :—

Income of state school fund,	$ 212 08
" Dog tax,	202 58
" School bank,	25 00
" Surplus revenue,	140 00
Town appropriation for supplies,	100 00
"	2,000 00
	$2,679 66

The treasurer has expended :—	
Wages of teachers and care of schoolhouses,	$2,531 00
Fuel and schoolhouse supplies,	237 01
School books and supplies,	78 69
	$2,846 70
An outlay beyond the appropriation of	$167 04

HEATING AND VENTILATING MASSEY SCHOOLHOUSE.

George Nelson, blacksmithing,	$ 10 14
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies and labor,	67 87
F. J. Bemis, supplies and labor,	141 35
L. F. Thayer, labor,	18 87
Olney J. Chilson, labor and supplies,	15 00
	$253 23

No appropriation.

CARY SCHOOL.

This school has had three teachers during the year. During the spring term little progress was made under Miss S. A. L. Tirrell. Miss Tirrell has a good record in another school in town, but here she did justice neither to herself nor pupils.

Miss Jennie Whitney was put in charge of this school at the beginning of the fall term. The school began to improve, every week adding to the interest and progress of the scholars. During the term this school took a new lease of life, and the winter term has been a continuation of the earnest work and good results of the second term. Miss Alice K. Richardson has been the teacher during the winter term. This was her third term as a teacher, and her first in this town. Miss Richardson has accomplished more than we expected, and will be a success in school work wherever her field may be.

NORTH SCHOOL.

This school during the whole year has been under the faithful care of Miss Mary L. Linton. The large membership of the first term was further increased in the fall. Miss Linton did her best with the large number of pupils and the many studies we now require to be taught in our schools, but only slow progress

could be expected. By hearing some classes in the evening and at odd hours Miss Linton accomplished more than your committee looked for.

At the opening of the winter term we divided this school into two grades, primary and grammar, Miss Linton remaining in charge of the lower grade and George E. Aldrich, taken from Beaver Pond school, in charge of the upper grade. During the term both grades have made rapid progress. Every child now has that attention that the pupils in our other schools receive. Superintendents and teachers who have visited this building the past term have had only praise to bestow.

BEAVER POND SCHOOL.

The spring and fall terms George E. Aldrich taught this school acceptably, and was followed at the opening of the winter term by Miss S. Gertrude Leonard, a Normal graduate. She had taught one term in this state, but in this school she has not had the success we hoped for. Perhaps with older scholars she would get better results.

QUINOBEQUIN SCHOOL.

Miss Nellie M. Quincy taught the first term, and Miss C. C. Cary the other two terms of the year. The school has maintained the high rank it has had for years. Miss Cary graduated at Bridgewater Normal school in June, and early in September began work in this school. She soon gained the respect and affection of her pupils, and the work done the past months has never been exceeded in Quinobequin school.

The committee hope that the citizens of this district will soon ask to have this school put with the Massey, and in this way have as good a graded school as we now have at North Bellingham. This change would add to the educational advantages of this town, and at no extra cost.

MASSEY SCHOOL.

Miss Jennie L. Whitney was in charge during the spring term, and was succeeded by Miss Nellie M. Quincy. Misunderstandings between teacher and parents hindered the good work done during the year, but the last term was very successful, and

indications lead us to expect a more busy and studious term in the spring.

CHILSON SCHOOL.

Mrs. Effie Worthen taught the first term with that same success that she had during her former work at Beaver Pond school. Miss Mabel A. Drake taught the fall and winter terms, and though this was her second school, she succeeded both in method and discipline beyond our expectations.

CITY SCHOOL.

Miss Mamie A. Billings continued as teacher through the year. The constant change in the French population in this section makes the work in this school harder than it otherwise would be. This school had a pleasant and successful year.

WILCOX SCHOOL.

Miss Winnie L. Cook has been in charge during the three terms. No one of our teachers has been more faithful and energetic in her work than Miss Cook. There is good satisfaction in this district with the progress of the school, and we hope that teacher and scholars will do as good work the coming year as in that just past.

Roll of Honor.

FIRST TERM.

North.—Minnie Coombs, Agnes Macy, Rose Kennelly, Willie Callahan, Henry Foley, Garret Fitzpatrick, Elwyn Coombs, Willie Grant.

Cary.—Laura Fisher, Leslie Fisher, Alice O'Donnel, Thomas O'Donnel, Chester Richards, Edna Richards, Ernest Richards, Grace Richards.

Beaver Pond.—Ruby Wales, Willie Davis, Charles Woodbury.

Quinobequin.—Tilla J. Cook, Myra L. Gerstle, Alick Gardepie, Damasie Gardepie, Delphis Gardepie.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Walter Cook, Grace Fisk, Maud Fisk, Bertie Spencer, Ella Spencer, Ethel Spencer, Leola Smith, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, Lloyd Thayer, Willie White, Waldo White.

Chilson.—Melissa Bennett, Stella Gay, Irene Fisk, Bella Mortenson, Rosa Mortenson, Elsie Trask, Blanche Thompson, Helen Thompson, Leslie Chilson, George Gay, Charles Gould, Willie Trask.

Wilcox.—Susie Pickering, Wilson Pickering, Allie W. Pickering, Cortice W. Robbins, Walter Robbins, Iola M. Robbins, Mary L. Cass, Florence Rhodes.

City.—Gertie Pickering, Bertha Pickering, Nattie Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Arthur Woodbury, Willie B. Lee, Kennie Staples, Nealie Arnold, Richard Allen, Anna Marchen, Vera L. Billings, Hannah Staples.

SECOND TERM.

North.—George Fitzpatrick, Henry Foley, Willie Grant, Francis Naughtin Willie Callahan, Flora Ames, Minnie Foley, Agnes Macy.

Cary.—Alice Bullard, Charles Hixon, Thomas O'Donnel, Grace Richards, Arthur St. George, Annie Stowe.

Beaver Pond.—Bertha Albee, Willie Davis, Ellie Tingley.

Quinobequin.—Delphis Gardepie, Damasie Gardepie, Mabel Gilmore, Jennie F. Cook.

Massey.—Maud Fisk, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, Frank Sullivan.

Chilson.—Elsie Trask, Rosa Mortenson, Helen Thompson, Willie Trask.

Wilcox.—Florence Rhodes, Sadie McCarthy.

City.—Hannah Staples, Gertie Pickering, Delia Marchen, Emma Marchen, Anna Marchen, Bertha Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Esther Staples, Carrie Whipple, Willie B. Lee, Arthur Woodbury, Kennie Staples, Nealie Arnold, George Whipple.

THIRD TERM.

North (Grammar).—Eva Arnold, Minnie Coombs, Willie Callahan, George Fitzpatrick, Henry Foley, Earl Grant, Pearl Grant, Grace Grant, Grace St. George, Jennie Macy, Annie Stowe.

North (Primary).—Elwyn Coombs, Connie H. Fitzpatrick, Charles S. Foley, Willie Grant, Charles Knight, Agnes Macy.

Quinobequin.—Hattie M. Cook, Myra Gerstle, Chester Gilmore, Mabel Gilmore.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Grace Fisk, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer.

Chilson.—Mellissa Bennett, Bella Mortenson, Elsie Trask, Willie Trask, Eugene Trask.

Wilcox.—Kate L. McCarthy, Florence B. Rhodes, John F. McCarthy.

City.—Gertie Pickering, Hannah Staples, Willie Lee, Mamie Pickering, Emma Marchen, George Whipple, Richie Allen, Arthur Woodbury, Nealie Arnold, Kennie Staples.

FOR THE YEAR.

North.—George Fitzpatrick, Henry Foley, Willie Grant, Willie Callahan, Agnes Macy.

MASSEY.—Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer.

CHILSON.—Elsie Trask, Willie Trask.

WILCOX.—Florence Rhodes.

CITY.—Hannah Staples, Gertie Pickering, Mamie Pickering, Willie B. Lee, Arthur Woodbury, Kennie Staples, Nealie Arnold.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN W. SANBORN, M. D., Superintendent,

OLNEY J. CHILSON, Secretary,

School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO. 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS: 1890-91.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visitors.
	FIRST TERM.									
North,	Mary L. Linton,	46	43.11	37.08	.86	29	8	2⅔	$40 00	12
Cary,	S. Anna L. Tirrell,	32	29.99	26.91	.897	22	8	2⅔	40 00	15
Beaver Pond,	George E. Aldrich,	16	12.65	12.07	.953	10	3	2⅔	32 00	16
Quinobequin,	Nellie M. Quincy,	16	13.75	13.02	.945	10	5	2⅔	32 00	14
Massey,	Jennie L. Whitney,	29	28.5	27.71	.971	14	13	2⅔	40 00	31
Chilson,	Effie E. Worthen,	17	17	16.82	.989	10	13	2⅔	32 00	12
Wilcox,	Winnie L. Cook,	17	15 01	14.71	.976	12	8	2⅔	32 00	18
City,	Mamie A. Billings,	20	19.46	18.86	.969	13	12	2⅔	36 00	19
	SECOND TERM.									
North,	Mary L. Linton,	51	48 88	44.01	.899	31	8	2⅔	40 00	17
Cary,	Jennie L. Whitney,	33	28 76	27.09	.96	17	6	2⅔	48 00	24
Beaver Pond,	George E. Aldrich,	19	18.50	17	.918	11	3	2⅔	32 00	13
Quinobequin,	Catherine C. Cary,	15	14 18	13.05	.916	10	4	2⅔	32 00	11
Massey,	Nellie M. Quincy,	32	28.08	25.56	.910	17	4	2⅔	36 00	24
Chilson,	Mabel A. Drake,	17	16.51	16	.969	11	4	3	32 00	20
Wilcox,	Winnie L. Cook,	14	14	13.21	.943	11	2	3	32 00	10
City,	Mamie A. Billings,	29	26.16	25.1	.959	19	14	3	36 00	35
	THIRD TERM.									
North Primary,	Mary L. Linton,	28	25.72	23.12	.898	13	8	2⅔	40 00	21
North Grammar,	George E. Aldrich,	26	24.75	22.95	.939	22	10	2⅔	40 00	19
Cary,	Alice K. Richardson,	29	27.32	25.82	.947	17	0	2⅔	36 00	36
Beaver Pond,	S. Gertrude Leonard,	16	16	12	.750	11	0	2⅔	32 00	8
Quinobequin,	Catherine C. Cary,	12	12	11.46	.955	8	5	2⅔	32 00	13
Massey,	Nellie M. Quincy,	29	26.17	22.92	.876	18	4	2⅔	36 00	20
Chilson,	Mabel A. Drake,	14	13 40	10.67	.813	11	5	2⅔	32 00	14
Wilcox,	Winnie L. Cook,	14	12.88	10.86	.840	11	3	2⅔	32 00	0
City,	Mamie A. Billings,	26	21.55	19.67	.912	16	10	2⅔	36 00	10

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1890-91.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Average wages of teachers per week.
North Primary North Grammar	54	47.49	42.35	.891	35	1	1	5	$ 9 00 10 00
Cary	39	27.69	26.61	.954	23	0	3	0	10 33+
Beaver Pond	20	15.71	13.69	.873	11	1	2	0	8 00
Quinobequin	16	13.31	12.74	.957	10	0	3	0	8 00
Massey	35	27.58	25.39	.919	18	1	1	2	9 33+
Chilson	19	12.20	14.49	.923	11	0	1	2	8 00
Wilcox	17	13.96	12.92	.919	12	0	0	1	8 00
City	33	22.56	21.74	.946	20	0	0	7	9 00
Total and average	233	180.5	169.93	.923	140	3	11	17	$ 8 96+

Number of children in town May 1, 1890, between the ages of 5 and 15	197
Whole number of different scholars in all schools for the year	233
Average membership " " "	180.5
Average attendance " " "	169.93
Percentage of attendance " " "	.923
Number between 8 and 14 years	140
Number over 15 years	11
Number under 5 years	3
Number neither absent nor tardy	15
Average wages of teachers per week	$8 96+

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1892.

TOWN CLERK.
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER.
RUEL F. THAYER.

SELECTMEN.
RUEL F. THAYER, WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON.

ASSESSORS.
ELIJAH B. STOWE, SENECA BURR,
ORVILLE C. RHODES.

OVERSEER OF POOR (for three years).
SENECA BURR.

CONSTABLES.
HENRY A. WHITNEY, DELACY O. EVANS,
CHARLES R. GRIFFIN, BENJ. W. WOODBURY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years).
NATHAN W. SANBORN.

ROAD COMMISSIONER (for three years).
L. FRANCIS THAYER.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

AUDITOR.
ELBRIDGE GRANT.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE (for three years).
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

FENCE VIEWERS.
L. FRANCIS THAYER, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
WILLIAM A. BURR.

Appointed by Selectmen.

POUND KEEPER.
EVERETT W. WOODBURY.

FIELD DRIVERS.
MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

SEXTONS.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, HENRY W. PICKERING,
ORRIN CHILSON.

AUCTIONEER.

NATHAN A. COOK.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
NATHAN A. COOK.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, JUDSON E. CAMP,
L. FRANCIS THAYER, ELBRIDGE GRANT,
WILLIAM A. BURR, HENRY W. PICKERING.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

SENECA BURR, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELBRIDGE GRANT.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER AND MILK.

ORRIN CHILSON.

JURORS DRAWN.

1892.

April 4, George D. Crooks, Grand Juror.
April 11, Edmund D. Wiggin.
May 2, Oramel Richardson.
Sept. 12, Warren E. Fairbanks.
Oct. 3, Sylvanus J. Lawrence.
Dec. 12, Albert A. Aldrich.

1893.

Jan. 5, Emory Cook.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

In submitting our report, we would respectfully call the attention of the residents of the Town to the following act in regard to marriages solemnized out of the state:—

SEC. 21, CHAP. 145 OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

"When a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, and they return to dwell here, they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the Clerk or Registrar of the city or town where either of them lived at the time, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts concerning marriages required by law, and for every neglect so to do they shall forfeit ten dollars."

We have had deposited with us the past year by William Thompson, for safe keeping, the valuable records of the Bellingham Rifle Company. The Company was formed in 1814, and soon after was called to Boston to assist in defending the city from the British. The organization was kept up till 1846.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

100 males, $2,	$200 00	
5 females, $5,	25 00	
		$225 00
Fees, 105, 20c,	$21 00	
Return and oath,	2 40	
		23 40
Paid County Treasurer,		$201 60
Mortgages recorded,		7
Marriage licenses issued, ending Dec. 31,		11
Marriages recorded, ending Dec. 31,		11
Deaths recorded, ending Dec. 31,		31
Births " " "		33

RECORD OF FIRES FROM THE INSURANCE BOOK.

March 11.—Forest fire on land of Varnum B. Rockwood; about 1 acre; damage $10; caused by the locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad.

April 1.—Forest fire on land of Archibald Dallachie, about 4 acres; and about 1 acre on land of Joseph Gerstle; damages to

Dallachie, $12; Gerstle $5, caused by Dallachie setting brush fire.

April 13.—About 12 M., on land of Ruel F. Thayer and others, about 136 acres; damage, $664; caused by engine on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad.

April 13.—11.50 A. M., on land of heirs of Ruel Adams and others, about 100 acres; damage $500; caused by engine on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad.

April 13.—About 11.30 A. M., on land of Francis Metcalf, about 1½ acres; damage $12; caused by engine on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad.

April 17.—On land of heirs of Samuel Darling and others, about 5 acres; damage $35, cause incendiary.

April 17.—On land of Mary Wales and others, about 25 acres; damage, $92.50; cause, incendiary.

April 19 and 20.—Forest fire on land of Charles Whipple and others, about 31 acres; damage, $276; cause, incendiary.

April 21.—Forest fire on land of E. D. Wilcox and others, about 9 acres; damage, $39; cause, incendiary.

Dec. 18.—Dwelling house of heirs of Whipple O. Chilson, occupied by William A. Burr; value $1000, damage $110; insurance, $800; insurance paid, $110; contents of house valued at $900; damage, $48.80, insured for $800; insurance paid, $48.80; cause unknown.

There have been several other forest fires of small area, and one of several acres but small damage, caused without doubt by fishermen having fire to warm themselves or cook their food, and not putting it all out when leaving.

TOWN RECORDS.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1892.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the seventh day of March, A. D., 1892, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of all the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for the following purposes, to wit: 1st, support of schools; 2nd, school fixtures and supplies; 3d, school books; 4th, repair of the highways; 5th, bridges and railings; 6th, repair of guide-boards; 7th, support of the poor; 8th, repair of Town buildings; 9th, Town miscellaneous items; 10th, printing; 11th, interest on Town debt; 12th, to pay Town debt; 13th, pay of Town officers; 14th, repairs in the cemeteries.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Decoration Day, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town? To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No."

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will instruct the Select-

men to procure a gravel pit for repair of highways in vicinity of South Milford railroad station.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this seventeenth day of February, A. D., 1892.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, ss.

March 7, 1892.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time, place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and Officer's return.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1892.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham met in the Town Hall on March 7, 1892, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and the meeting was opened by the Town Clerk reading the warrant. Article 1 was then taken up, which was:—

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Made choice of Warren E. Fairbanks.

Article 2.—To hear the report of all the Town Officers.

The Selectmen's report was partly read, when it was voted to be dispensed with, and voted to accept said report. The reports of the Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Collector, Assessors, and School Committee were taken up separately and partly read, when it was voted to dispense with the further reading, and voted to lay on the table and be taken up when articles on appropriations were taken up. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Town Clerk's, Constables', and Registrars' reports, and voted to accept said reports. Voted to accept the report of the Cemetery Committee as printed. William A. McKean was appointed a Teller and sworn to perform the duties of the office.

ARTICLE 3.—To choose all necessary Town Officers.

The following were chosen:—

Town Clerk, Henry A. Whitney.

Selectmen, Ruel F. Thayer, William A. McKean, Orrin Chilson.

Treasurer, Ruel F. Thayer.

Assessors, Elijah B. Stowe, Seneca Burr, Orville C. Rhodes.

Overseer of the Poor, Seneca Burr (for three years). Carroll E. White was first chosen, but declined to serve, and George H. Thayer was next chosen; he likewise declined.

Constables. It was voted to choose three; thinking that not enough it was voted to add one more to the number, making four, and the following were chosen: Henry A. Whitney, Delacy O. Evans, Charles R. Griffin, Benjamin W. Woodbury.

At this time it was voted to adjourn for half an hour.

Met according to adjournment, and proceeded to business by taking up Article 3, from where they left off at time of adjournment.

School Committee, Nathan W. Sanborn (for three years).

Road Commissioner, L. Francis Thayer (for three years).

Collector of Taxes, Calvin Fairbanks; and voted his salary be one per cent of all taxes committed to him to collect.

Auditor, Elbridge Grant.

Cemetery Committee, Varnum B. Rockwood (for three years).

It was voted to choose Fence Viewers by ballot, and L. Francis Thayer, William A. Burr, and Maurice J. Connolly were chosen.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint all other Town Officers required.

ARTICLE 4.—To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for the following purposes:—

The following sums were voted: Support of schools, $2300; school supplies and fixtures, $150; school books, $200, and voted to accept the School Committee's report; repair of highways, $1200; and in addition, to fix bad places in the highways, the sum of $300; voted to instruct the Road Commissioners to expend 60 per cent of the appropriation before May 20, 1892; bridges and railings $100; repair of guide-boards, $20; voted to accept Road Commissioners' report; support of poor, $1800; voted to accept of Overseers' report; repair of Town buildings, $400; Town miscellaneous items, $200.

At this time, being 5 o'clock, it was voted to adjourn to Saturday, March 19, 1892, at 1 o'clock P. M.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 19, 1892.

Met according to adjournment, and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, and Article 4 was taken up with Sec. 10.

Printing, $100; interest on Town debt, $200; to pay Town debt, $500; to pay Town Officers, $500; repairs in the cemeteries, $30; Decoration Day, $50. Total, $8050.

Article 5.—To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Decoration Day or act or do anything thereon.

It was voted to raise fifty dollars ($50), and that three citizens of this Town who are members of Franklin, Medway and Woonsocket G. A. R. posts be a Committee to expend the appropriation. The Committee chosen were James O. Richardson of the Franklin post, Abiram W. Wales, 2d., of the Medway post, Henry W. Pickering of the Woonsocket post.

Article 6.—To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted, All poll taxes are due on demand, all other taxes are due Oct. 1, and all taxes unpaid Nov. 1 interest of one half of one per cent per month will be added. All taxes must be paid on or before Jan. 1, 1893.

Article 7.—To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed.

Voted him that authority.

Article 8.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to exceed in amount $1000.

Article 9.—To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

The names of Ethan C. Claflin and George R. Osborne were voted to be stricken from the list; and voted to fill the vacancies on the list.

List as Accepted.

Warren E. Fairbanks,	Addison E. Bullard,	Albert A. Aldrich,
Ariel B. Drake,	Ellis T. Norcross,	Sylvanus J. Lawrence,
George D. Crooks,	Oramel Richardson,	Wm. A. McKean,
J. Sanford Thompson,	Edmund D. Wiggin,	Milton R. Billings,
Emory B. Cook,	Edward H. Thayer,	William A. Burr.

Article 10.—Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town? To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No".

Whole number of votes cast, forty-two (42). No, thirty-one (31); Yes, eleven (11). The ballot-box was used, but registered only forty (40).

Article 11.—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to procure a gravel pit for the repair of the highways in vicinity of South Milford railroad station.

The article was amended to read Road Commissioners in-

stead of Selectmen, and voted to instruct the Road Commissioners to procure gravel pits for the use of the Town.

Voted to dissolve the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, NOV. 8, 1892.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the eighth day of November, A. D., 1892, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Electors of President and Vice-President, Representative in Congress for the Eleventh District, Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor for the Second Councillor District, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney-General; Senator for the Second Norfolk District, Two Representatives in the General Court for the Eighth Norfolk Representative District, District Attorney for the Southeastern District, Sheriff for the County of Norfolk, three Commissioners of Insolvency for Norfolk County, one County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, two Special Commissioners in and for the County of Norfolk; and the following Amendment to the Constitution:—

Resolves providing for submitting to the people the Article of Amendment of the Constitution, abolishing the Property Qualification for the office of Governor.

The Polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twenty-fourth day of October, A. D., 1892.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss. Nov. 8, 1892.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant, at each of the designated places in the Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of the warrant and the Officer's return.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING, NOV. 8, 1892.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections met in the Town Hall on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, 1892.

The meeting was called to order by Ruel F. Thayer, chairman of the Selectmen. He then read the warrant and the Officer's return thereon.

The Selectmen previous to Town Meeting had posted cards of instructions and specimen ballots around the Hall and in the voting booths, according to law.

The Town Clerk then delivered to them one package of ballots, and received the following receipt:—

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 8, 1892.

Received of Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk, one package of official ballots, said to contain three hundred.

RUEL F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

The Selectmen then delivered to the Ballot Clerks official ballots and duplicate check list.

The ballot-box was then inspected and found empty, with register set at 000. The ballot-box and check list were in charge of the Selectmen. Voting was commenced at 10.10 in the forenoon.

It was voted to keep the Polls open till 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 3.15 it was voted to close the Polls. The ballot-box register stood at 208.

The check list was audibly counted, and 208 names found checked. The ballots were counted from the box by one of the Selectmen, and 208 ballots found therein.

The canvass was then proceeded with by the Selectmen, Town Clerk, with the assistance of George E. Aldrich as Teller, and Daniel Sullivan, John J. Gerstle, James O. Richardson and Manning B. Taylor as supervisors, all of whom had been sworn by the Town Clerk.

The ballots were counted and the result found to be as follows:—

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

At Large.

John Bascom of Williamstown, four votes,	4
Richard Cone of Boston, four votes,	4
Patrick A. Collins of Boston, seventy-three votes,	73
John E. Russell of Leicester, seventy-three votes,	73
Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
John D. Long of Hingham, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, twelve,	12

District No. 1.

Augustus R. Smith of Lee, four votes,	4
James M. Clark of Holyoke, seventy-three votes,	73
Joseph Griswold of Greenfield, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, six,	6

District No. 2.

Charles G. Allen of Barre, four votes,	4
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton, seventy-three votes,	73
George W. Johnson of Brookfield, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, six,	6

District No. 3.

Charles B. Knight of Worcester, four votes,	4
Charles Haggerty of Southbridge, seventy-three votes,	73
Edward B. Glasgow of Worcester, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, six,	6

District No. 4.

Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson, four votes,	4
Charles J. Williams of Acton, seventy-three votes,	73
Henry A. Goodrich of Fitchburg, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, six,	6

District No. 5.

Varnum Lincoln of Andover, four votes,	4
Peter H. Donohoe of Lowell, seventy-three votes,	73
Peter D. Smith of Andover, one hundred twenty-five votes,	125
Blanks, six,	6

District No. 6.

George H. Hoyt of Haverhill, four votes,	4

James F. Dean of Salem, seventy-three votes, 73
Frank Cousins of Salem, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 7.

George M. Buttrick of Everett, four votes, 4
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield, seventy-three votes, 73
George W. Walker of Malden, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 8.

John S. Paine of Cambridge, four votes, 4
Ferdinand F. French of Winchester, seventy-three votes, 73
Edward Glines of Somerville, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 9.

James M. Gray of Boston, four votes, 4
Edward J. Flynn of Boston, seventy-three votes, 73
Jonathan A. Lane of Boston, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 10.

Henry W. Shugg of Boston, four votes, 4
Josiah Quincy of Quincy, seventy-three votes, 73
John Shaw of Quincy, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 11.

Charles C. Bragdon of Newton, four votes, 4
Robert Bleakie of Hyde Park, seventy-three votes, 73
John R. Bullard of Dedham, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 12.

William H. Phillips of Taunton, four votes, 4
Joseph L. Sweet of Attleborough, seventy-three votes, 73
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

District No. 13.

Robert A. Sherman of New Bedford, four votes, 4
John W. Coughlin of Fall River, seventy-three votes, 73
John Simpkins of Yarmouth, one hundred twenty-five votes, 125
Blanks, six, 6

GOVERNOR.

William H. Haile of Springfield, one hundred twenty votes,	120
Walcott Hamlin of Amherst, three votes,	3
Squire E. Putney of Somerville, one vote,	1
William E. Russell of Cambridge, sixty-eight votes,	68
Henry Winn of Malden, three votes,	3
Blanks, thirteen,	13

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

James B. Carroll of Springfield, sixty-eight votes,	68
Edward Kendall of Cambridge, five votes,	5
William J. Shields of Boston, four votes,	4
Roger Wolcott of Boston, one hundred nine votes,	109
Blanks, twenty-two,	22

SECRETARY.

Charles S. Hamlin of Brookline, sixty-three votes,	63
George Kempton of Sharon, three votes,	3
William M. Olin of Boston, one hundred six votes,	106
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston, four votes,	4
Blanks, thirty-two,	32

TREASURER.

Wilbert D. Farnham, jr., of Springfield, five votes,	5
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, sixty-three votes,	63
George A. Marden of Lowell, one hundred five votes,	105
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree, two votes,	2
Blanks, thirty-three,	33

AUDITOR.

Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham, five votes,	5
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, one hundred ten votes,	110
Morris W. Landers of Springfield, two votes,	2
Irving B. Sayles of Millbury, sixty votes,	60
Blanks, thirty-one,	31

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Charles S. Lilley of Lowell, sixty-two votes,	62
Herbert McIntosh of Worcester, two votes,	2
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston, one hundred four votes,	104
Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford, five votes,	5
Blanks, twenty-nine,	29

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

William F. Draper of Hopedale, one hundred twenty votes,	120
Joseph D. Hunt of Milford, six votes,	6
George Fred Williams of Dedham, sixty-seven votes,	67
Blanks, fifteen,	15

COUNCILLOR, SECOND DISTRICT.

Charles E. Miles of Brookline, four votes,	4
David Hall Rice of Brookline, one hundred twelve votes,	112
William B. Rice of Quincy, sixty-one votes,	61
Blanks, thirty,	30

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater, one hundred thirteen votes,	113
Harvey H. Pratt of Abington, sixty-five votes,	65
Blanks, thirty,	30

SHERIFF.

Hubbard M. Bullock of Franklin, twenty-two votes,	22
Augustus B. Endicott of Dedham, ninety-one votes,	91
Blanks, ninety-five,	95

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Wilmot Cleverly of Weymouth, six votes,	6
John Q. A. Lothrop of Cohasset, one hundred ten votes,	110
Henry A. Nash of Weymouth, fifty-nine votes,	59
Blanks, thirty-three,	33

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Everett J. Eaton of Needham, one hundred six votes,	106
Joshua B. Hanners of Walpole, five votes,	5
James G. Scott of Walpole, fifty-five votes,	55
Silas A. Stone of Sharon, one hundred one votes,	101
George O. Wentworth of Stoughton, fifty-nine votes,	59
Blanks, 100,	100

COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

Paul R Blackmer of Quincy, fifty-nine votes,	59
Robert W. Carpenter of Foxborough, one hundred votes,	100
Ezra C. Comey of Foxborough, fifty-six votes,	56
Emory Grover of Needham, ninety-three votes,	93
Gerald A. Healey of Canton, fifty-eight votes,	58
Charles W. Hodges of Foxborough, four votes,	4
Timothy Ide of Medway, four votes,	4
Aaron R. Morse of Walpole, three votes,	3
George W. Wiggin of Franklin, one hundred one votes,	101
Blanks, one hundred forty-six,	146

SENATOR.

Francis I. Jefferson of Brookline, six votes,	6
Bushrod Morse of Sharon, sixty-one votes,	61
William F. Ray of Franklin, one hundred eighteen votes,	118
Blanks, twenty-three,	23

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Alfred T. Everett of Franklin, nine votes,	9
Clarke P. Harding of Medway, one hundred thirteen votes,	113
Louis W. Hodges of Foxborough, seven votes,	7
Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin, sixty-nine votes,	69
Amos P. Woodward of Franklin, ninety-eight votes,	98
Blanks, one hundred twenty,	120

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Yes, forty-nine votes,	49
No, forty-five votes,	45
Blanks, one hundred fourteen,	114

A declaration of the result was then made in open Town meeting.

The returns were then filled out, signed by the proper officers, and sealed up in open Town meeting.

The votes cast and check lists used were sealed in envelopes endorsed by the Selectmen, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PETITION FOR COPY OF CHECK LIST.

BELLINGHAM, Mass., Nov. 9, 1892.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Bellingham:—

We the undersigned, legal voters in the Town of Bellingham, hereby request you to furnish us a certified copy of the check list as used in the said Town at the election for State officers, Nov. 8, 1892.

This request is made in accordance with the provision of Section 98 of Chapter 423 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1890.

WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
DANIEL SULLIVAN,
CHARLES R. GRIFFIN,
JAMES E. KENNELLY,
E. F. GAY,
HUGH SMITH,
MICHAEL F. KENNELLY,
GEORGE E. ALDRICH,
CORNELIUS FITZPATRICK.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

Agreeable to the foregoing petition I broke the seal of the envelope containing check list used, and furnished them an attested copy, and again sealed up said check list and made a memorandum of it on the envelope.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

BELLINGHAM, Mass., November 12, 1892.

Respectfully represents the undersigned, qualified voters in the Town of Bellingham, in said Commonwealth, that they have reason to believe that the returns of the Selectmen of the election held in said Town on Nov. 8th, 1892, are erroneous, in that fewer votes were counted in said Bellingham for William B. Rice, the Democratic Candidate for Councillor, than were cast for him, and that more votes were counted for David Hall Rice, Republican Candidate for Councillor, than were cast for him.

Wherefore your petitioners request that your Honorable Board recount the votes cast for Councillor in said Town of Bellingham.

JOHN NUGENT,
FRANCIS METCALF,
O. J. FISHER,
EDGAR COLBURN,
J. E. CAMP,
D. O. EVANS,
E. McKEAN,
E. M. BENNETT,
E. B. METCALF,
C. J. NUGENT.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

Upon receipt of this petition, Nov. 14, 1892, I immediately notified the Selectmen and all parties interested to meet in the Town Clerk's Office in said Bellingham, Nov. 16, 1892, at 7. 30 P. M., and at said time the Selectmen met and recounted the ballots called for. William B. Rice was represented by Charles J. Nugent, and David Hall Rice by Henry A. Whitney. The package containing the ballots cast Nov. 8, 1892, was produced by the Clerk, seals found intact; the package was then opened and ballots counted, and it was ascertained that Charles E. Miles of Brookline had Seven (7) votes; David Hall Rice of Brookline had One hundred nine (109) votes; William B. Rice of Quincy had Sixty-two (62) votes; blanks, Thirty (30). Whole number, Two hundred eight (208). Whereupon the ballots were again sealed up and endorsed by the proper officers.

The result was signed by the Selectmen, attested by the Town Clerk, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. In the recount David Hale Rice lost three, Charles E. Miles gained three.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Norfolk, constituting the Eighth Representative District in Norfolk County.

On the Eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1892, the Town Clerks of the above named Towns met at the Town House in Franklin, and examined and compared transcripts of the record

of votes cast on the eighth day of November in said Towns, for two Representatives in the General Court for the Eighth District in said County, and ascertained that Clarke P. Harding of Medway and Amos P. Woodward of Franklin were duly elected, and issued certificates of their elections, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, and one to the Constable of Medway, and one to the Constable of Franklin, to be served by them on said Harding and Woodward, respectively.

THE VOTE.

Albert F. Everett of Franklin, one hundred fifty-six votes,	156
Clarke P. Harding of Medway, fourteen hundred eighty-nine votes,	1,489
Louis W. Hodges of Foxborough, one hundred thirty votes,	130
Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin, eleven hundred forty-seven votes,	1,147
Amos P. Woodward of Franklin, fourteen hundred twenty-nine votes,	1,429
Blanks, sixteen hundred forty-one,	1,641

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham,
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway,
HENRY E. RUGGLES, Town Clerk of Franklin,
LEWIS E. GRAY, Town Clerk of Foxborough,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham,
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PETITION FOR COPY OF THE CHECK LIST.

To the Town Clerk of Bellingham:—

We, the undersigned, legal voters, resident of said Town, hereby apply in accordance with Section 98 of Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1890 for a copy of the check list used by the election officers in said Town at the election held November 8, 1892.

CHARLES H. BURR,
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
S. BURR,
ELIJAH B. STOWE,
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
ORAMEL RICHARDSON,
LEWIS McKEAN,
EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD,
P. P. COOKE,
W. A. BURR.

A true copy of Petition. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

Agreeable to the foregoing petition, I broke the seal of the envelope containing the check list, and furnished them an attested copy, again sealed up said check list, and made a memorandum of it on the envelope.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This being the first year the Town has appropriated money for Decoration Day exercises, I think it would be proper to state to the inhabitants the exercises held and graves decorated. Of the 36 veterans buried in Town, I give the regiment and company of all but three, and if any one can furnish me the facts in regard to those not given, the information will be most gratefully received.

In looking up the record and graves of deceased soldiers, I find the graves of some 30 Revolutionary soldiers, and would recommend to the Town that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to straighten all headstones, and put in good condition the graves of all those who can be identified as Revolutionary soldiers.

Having consulted with the Committee appointed by the Town to expend the appropriation, I find that they divided the money as follows: Henry W. Pickering of Woonsocket Post, $10; Abiram W. Wales 2nd, of Medway Post, $15; James O. Richardson of Franklin Post, $25.

On Sunday, May 29, Medway Post, G. A. R., Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, came to North Bellingham cemetery at 3.30 p. m., and services were held as follows: Prayer and address by Rev. E. F. Mitchell; short speeches by members of the Post, and singing by a quartet. After these services the graves of the following veterans were decorated:—

George A. Lowe, Co. H, 31st Regt., Mass. Vol. Died July 13, 1864.

Norman Hastings, Co. C, 45th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died June 27, 1863, on Steamer "S. R. Spalding."

George A. Harwood, Co. D, 2d Regt., Cavalry. Died Feb. 26, 1866.

Jonathan Foster, Co. I, 18th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Feb. 25, 1875.

Edmund J. Adams, Co. E, 2nd Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Dec. 2, 1875.

Charles F. Taylor, U. S. Navy, South Atlantic blockading squadron. Died May 25, 1880.

Alexander Chace, Co. E, 4th Regt., R. I. Vol. Died ———

George A. Dudley, Co. ——, —— Regt. Died May 15, 1863.

Sabin Adams, Co. ——, —— Regt. Died Feb. 23, 1873.

Charles A. S. Barrus, Co. ——, —— Regt. Died Sept., 1871.

Asa Partridge was never mustered into service, but went as a delegate from the United States Christian Commission. His work was gratuitous, expenses only being borne by the Commission. Hardships and exposure, induced by ministering to sick and wounded soldiers, caused a sickness which resulted in his death, March 2, 1865. In remembrance of his valuable services, the Post decorated his grave as that of a comrade.

On May 30, Franklin Post, G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, and the Relief Corps arrived in town at 11.30 a. m. and marched to the Town Hall, where a substantial dinner had been provided. At 1 o'clock a line was formed by the Franklin Brass band, Post, Sons of Veterans, Relief Corps, members of the local Grange, school children, and citizens on foot and in carriages. They proceeded to the soldiers' monument, where a prayer and short address were delivered by Rev. D. M. Hodge of Franklin. After depositing flowers at the monument they proceeded to the cemetery, where the following services were offered: Prayer by Rev. J. M. Rockwood, address by Rev. E. F. Mitchell, singing by the church choir, and a short address by Past Commander Mason, after which graves of the following were decorated:—

Stephen Bates, Co. D, 2nd Regt., R. I. Vol. Died Feb. 24, 1872.

Lewis E. Whitney, Co. D, 24th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Feb. 28, 1865.

Lewis E. Wales, Co. B, 42nd Regt., Mass. Vol. Died June 19, 1863, at Bayou Gentilly, La.

Charles P. Hancock, Co. F, 2nd Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Jan. 22, 1863, at Frederick, Md.

Robert R. Hill, Co. ——, 11th Regt., R. I. Vol. Died Feb. 4, 1865.

Alvin B. Adams, Co. G, 16th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Oct. 21, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.

Lowell W. Adams, Co. I, 18th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died, Aug. 24, 1870.

Frank L. Adams, 16th U. S. Infantry band. Died April 15, 1881.

Alvin D. Pond, Co. B, 144th Regt., N. Y. Vol. Died April 11, 1883.

Moses R. Drake, Co. B, 25th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Oct. 5, 1864, at Newbern, N. C.

Joseph Osgood, Co. E, 2nd Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Feb. 8, 1863, at Stafford Courthouse, Va.

Warren A. Richardson, Co. I, 18th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Feb. 17, 1881.

Charles H. Scott, Co. A, 35th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died April 14, 1884.

Charles F. Vose, Co. I, 2nd Regt., R. I. Vol. Died Dec. 12, 1863, at Brandy Station, Va.

Calvin C. Thayer, Co. G, 18th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Dec. 10, 1863.

Joseph W. Holbrook, Co. B, 25th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died March 5, 1863.

Handel Holbrook, Co. B, 25th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Dec. 14, 1868.

Lorenzo I. Paine, Co. A, 11th Regt., R. I. Vol. Died April 5, 1869.

Jairus Lawrence, Co. F, 2nd Regt., Mass. Vol. Died March 6, 1865, at David's Island, N. Y. Harbor.

Willis Whitney, Co. B, 25th Regt., Mass. Vol. Died Aug. 20, 1888.

The graves of Samuel Darling, a Revolutionary soldier, and Joseph Adams, Warren Lazell, William Paine, Laban Burr and Mason Clark, of the War of 1812, were also decorated.

On the morning of May 30 Henry W. Pickering of the Woonsocket Post, with several comrades, visited the Rakeville Cemetery at South Bellingham, and with appropriate exercises decorated the graves of:—

Christopher H. Schultz, Co. C, 1st R. I. Cavalry. Died ———.
Albert Joslin, Co. D, 1st R. I. Cavalry. Died ———.
Samuel Wilcox, Co. D, 1st R. I. Cavalry. Died ———.
Abraham England, Co. C, 1st R. I. Cavalry. Died ———.
Henry Jillson, Co. I, 2nd Regt., R. I. Vol. Died ———.

Franklin and Medway Posts extended thanks to the Town for the financial assistance, and the Woonsocket Post sent a letter of thanks through their Adjutant.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1892.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
March 10,	Eugene Augustus Hamlin,	Bellingham.
	Jennie Burrill Wheeler,	Bellingham.
March 10,	John G. Brown,	Bellingham.
	Ida B. Smith,	Bellingham.
June 22,	Oliver J Fisher,	Bellingham.
	Jennie Fuller,	Bellingham.
July 17,	Walter N. McKean,	Bellingham.
	Bertha O. Litchfield,	Weymouth.
Sept. 15,	Emer E. Brown,	Bellingham.
	Maria M. Higgins,	Bellingham.
Oct. 19,	Daniel Francis Chaisson,	Milford.
	Annie M. O'Donnell,	Bellingham.
Nov. 3,	Maurice Dooling,	Bellingham.
	Nellie Denihn,	Bellingham.
Nov. 24,	Gideon Y. Sylvester,	Bellingham.
	Ellen M. Marsh,	Bellingham.
Nov. 24,	Herbert B. Robbins,	Millis.
	Ida M. Reed,	Bellingham.
Nov. 24,	Rufus G. Fairbanks,	Bellingham.
	Susie C. Collins,	Chelsea.
Nov. 26,	Noi Lomoini,	Bellingham.
	Matilda Lajan,	Uxbridge.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1892.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 5,	Earl Bertram Colburn,	George B. and Fannie M. (Eldridge).
Feb. 4,	Howard Earl Wales,	William F. and Grace L. (Pickering).
Feb. 16,	Avila Beauparlan,	Louis and Emelie (Roy).
March 4.	Maria Caroline Lachapelle,	Arthur and Melena (Duclos).
March 13,	Ethel Rainville,	Joseph and Sarah E. (Gould).
March 16,	Mary Smith,	Hugh and Hannah (Haley).
March 19,	Bessie Ernestine Brown,	Comfort and Nettie E. (Wells).
March 28,	Edgar Cook Scott,	Stephen and Bertha M. (Cook).
April 15,	Mortenson,	Jennie Mortenson,
April 19,	Elmira McNutt,	Arthur D. and Lucy A. (Burke).
May 12,	Roseanna Levaeque,	William and Melvina (Flagolla).
June 1,	Gladys Almira Smith,	Charles E. and Georgie M. (Lynds).
June 4,	Pauline Brasso,	Jesse and Eliza (Demorra).
June 8,	John Edward Kennedy,	Michael, jr., and Esther (Coyle).
June 25,	Florence Pearl Whipple,	Charles H. and Julia (Turney).
July 17,	Mary Belle Hamlin,	Eugene A. and Jennie B. (Wheeler).
July 24,	Lester Everett Cook,	Fred E. and Mabel (Rockwood).
July 28,	Bernard Fitzpatrick,	Maurice, jr., and Esther (Shea).
Aug. 5,	Mary Ellen Vaughn,	James and Nellie (McElligott).
Aug. 6,	Willis Ellsworth Perham,	Willis D. and Rosie (Morrison).
Sept. 1,	Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora (Warfield).
Oct. 3,	William Richard Nocturn,	Michael and Margaret (Griffin).
Oct 6,	Elsie Marion Smith,	Charles E. and Helen F. (Claflin).
Oct. 11,	Grover Ambrose Colburn,	Edgar and Grace (Cross).
Oct. 15,	Rachel Lindskog,	Ellis and Ella M. (Dorr).
Oct. 23,	Lora Dubee,	Alex and Mary (Lamoine).
Nov. 8,	George Leo Sears,	George E. and Katie M. (Hoffman).
Nov. 20,	John William Macy,	John and Sophia (Luciar).
Nov. 22,	Hodgkins,	Daniel C. and Alice J. (Roberts).
Dec. 4,	Margaret Christina Riordan,	Eugene and Johanna (Ryan).
Dec 4,	Victor Emmanuel Nadeau,	Victor C. and Josephine M. (Garginllou).
Dec 15,	Earl Charles Wood,	Charles A. and Josie (Fitzgerald).
Dec. 27,	Ernest Percy Adams,	Amos T. and Annie T. (Shaw).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 5,	John D. Chilson,	66			Kidney Disease.
Jan. 10,	Willard Lewis,		3	16	Pneumonia.
Jan. 13,	Addison L. Wight,	45	3	1	Angina Pectoris.
Jan. 19,	Jemima (Gould) Hixon,	85	9	24	Paralysis.
Jan. 21,	Pelatiah Smith,	85	7	26	Pneumonia.
Jan. 27,	Samuel A. Adams,	54	7	28	Pulmonary Congestion.
Jan. 28,	Rhoda (Cook) Sherman,	76	9	3	La Grippe.
Feb. 7,	Cynthia (Howard) Hixon,	87	1	24	Old Age.
March 2,	Edward D. Davidson,	55		27	
March 16,	Ethan C. Claflin,	60	5	22	Pyaemia.
April 1,	Tilla J. Cook,	17	8	10	Consumption.
April 5,	Emeline A. Brown,	62	3	17	Apoplexy.
April 25,	James O'Connell,	26			
April 26,	George Edward Hamlet,	4	11	22	Nephritis.
May 8,	George E. Adams,	34	3	9	Phthisic.
May 21,	Howard Earl Wales,		3	17	Pneumonia.
May 30,	Adams,				Still born.
June 3,	Margaret Tynan,	65			Bronchitis.
June 5,	Jarvis Cook,	86	11	28	Chronic Cystitis.
June 12,	Mayo C. Darling,	62	5		Rheumatism with Pericarditis.
Aug. 3,	Lucretia Holbrook,	76	11	14	Old Age.
Aug. 9,	Michael Manning,	53			Recurrent Melancholia.
Aug. 21,	Frederick Dubee,		8	24	Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 23,	Phebe R (Trout) McPherson,	73	4	1	Pleurisy.
Sept. 14,	Gladys W. Grant,	1	2	5	Cerebral Anaemia.
Sept. 27,	Mary T. (Allen) Thayer,	70			Chronic Gastritis.
Oct. 23,	Rachel Lindskog,			8	Pneumonia.
Oct. 26,	Abby (Murphy) O'Neil,	80			Old Age.
Oct. 29,	Willis Lachapelle.	6	6	12	Inflammation of Brain.
Nov. 28,	Dominick Supreanant,	60			Inflammation of Lungs.
Dec. 14,	Robbins,				Still-born.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

REGISTRARS' REPORT.

The Registrars met Feb. 11, 1892, at the Town Clerk's office, and revised the voting list, and for various reasons ten names were erased; appointed meetings at South Bellingham schoolhouse Feb. 23, from 7 till 9; at North Bellingham schoolhouse Feb. 26, from 7 till 9; and at Town Clerk's office, March 2, from 2 till 10.

On February 23, the Registrars met at South Bellingham schoolhouse according to appointment, and registered one. On Feb. 26, met at North Bellingham schoolhouse according to appointment and registered one. March 2, met at Town Clerk's office and registered three.

Sept. 24, 1892, met at Town Clerk's office to revise the voting list, and erased twelve names. Appointed meetings at South Bellingham schoolhouse Oct. 19, and at North Bellingham schoolhouse, Oct. 26, the hours of meeting being from 7 till 9 o'clock; at Town Clerk's office Nov. 2, from 12 till 10 P. M.

On Oct. 19 the board met at South Bellingham and registered thirteen. Met at North Bellingham Oct. 26, and registered fifteen Met at Town Clerk's office Nov. 2, and registered twenty.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Registrars.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would submit the following report:—

The Town buildings are at present in good repair. The Town House has been shingled and painted, and the chimneys and ceilings put in good repair the past year. The highways are in fair condition, and the bridges and railings are in good repair.

The guide-boards, which we mentioned in our last report as an important item and one often overlooked, we notice have been entirely overlooked the past year, not a dollar of the amount appropriated by the Town for this purpose having been expended. We would respectfully suggest to the Road Commissioners that in their respective districts they look after this item the coming year, and have new boards placed where needed and the old ones thoroughly repaired.

We congratulate the Town in regard to its financial condition, and hope the time is near at hand when we can say that the Town debt is entirely wiped out.

We have attended the various meetings held in Boston in relation to the improvement of the Charles River, and while we think the present bill submitted to the Legislature is fair in its relation to the various towns bordering on this river, still the problem is not entirely solved, as it is a matter of very large importance; and in the near future we may be called upon to expend some money in improving the sanitary condition of this river, which to our Town would be quite an item, as we have many miles of its banks within the borders of our Town.

We submit below our estimates for the current year.

We have given 200 orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to $8361.09. The various accounts which follow will show the manner in which this amount has been expended, of which we invite your careful perusal.

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898.

Support of schools,	$2,300
School books,	200
School supplies,	150
Repair of highways,	1,500
Bridges and railings,	100
Repair of Town buildings,	100
Town officers,	500
Support of poor,	1,800

Town debt,	$500
Interest on Town debt,	200
Repair of cemeteries,	50
Repair of guide-boards,	25
Printing,	100
Miscellaneous,	200

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid George E. Aldrich, teaching,	$348 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	12 00	$360 00
M. A. Billings, teaching,		352 00
Emily Chamberlain, teaching,	60 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	2 00	62 00
Fannie Burgess, teaching,	60 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	1 50	61 50
Clara L. Thayer, teaching,	272 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	9 00	281 00
F. Gaskill, teaching,	27 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	1 00	28 00
Hattie C. Holmes, teaching,	96 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	3 00	99 00
Marion E. Howe, teaching,	184 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	6 00	190 00
Eva A. Rich, teaching,	88 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	3 00	91 00
Clara L. Miller, teaching,	176 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	6 00	182 00
Agnes W. Grant, teaching,	279 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	11 00	290 00
Agnes M. Blanchard, teaching,	328 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	13 00	341 00
Catherine T. Meagher, teaching,	220 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	4 00	224 00
Winnie L. Cook, teaching,	272 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	9 00	281 00
Lewis A. McKean, labor at schoolhouse,		7 95
Lloyd Thayer, labor at schoolhouse,		5 00
Willie White, labor at schoolhouse,		5 00
Charles Hixon, labor at schoolhouse,		4 00
Ella Spencer, labor at schoolhouse,		5 00
		$2,869 45
Appropriation,		2,300 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$569 45

FUEL AND SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Ray Woolen Co., coal bill,	$50 38
W. A. Pond, wood bill,	32 50

Charles Marble, cutting wood,	$ 1 50	
Calvin Fairbanks, wood bill,	16 00	
James M. Warfield, cutting wood,	3 00	
Albert A. Aldrich, wood bill,	28 50	
Clark Ellis & Sons, repairing stoves,	4 05	
H. A. Barney, coal bill,	44 88	
Waldo White, cutting wood,	1 50	
A. G. Burr, cutting wood,	4 10	
Daniel G. Marston, coal bill,	7 50	
L. F. Thayer, wood bill,	18 50	
		$212 41
Appropriation,		150 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$72 41

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammet, books,	$116 60	
Educational Publishing Co., books,	24 85	
Ginn & Co., books,	55 32	
American Book Co., books,	7 20	
Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	46 83	
Prang & Co., books,	64	
George S. Perry & Co., school desk and chair,	19 75	
Express,	40	
George E. Aldrich, supplies,	2 90	
S. A. Greenwood, blackboard, etc.,	8 25	
R. G. Fairbanks, supplies,	3 50	
E. Grant, supplies,	16 43	
N. W. Sanborn, supplies,	7 58	
E. B. Stowe, supplies,	7 25	
O. J. Chilson, supplies,	10 17	
M. A. Billings, for cleaning clock,	1 00	
		$328 67
Appropriation,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$128 67

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. F. Thayer, services as Selectman, Treasurer, Registrar, etc.,	$ 82 88
W. A. McKean, services as Selectman, Registrar, etc.,	28 00
Orrin Chilson, services as Selectman, Registrar, etc.,	28 00
Warren E. Fairbanks, services as Overseer of Poor,	50 00
George A. Crooks, services as Overseer of Poor,	15 00

Seneca Burr, services as Overseer of Poor,	$ 15 00	
E. B. Stowe, services as Assessor, examining titles,	46 50	
Seneca Burr, services as Assessor,	30 00	
O. C. Rhodes, " " 1891,	26 25	
Dr. N. W. Sanborn, Superintendent of Schools and book agent,	110 00	
H. A. Whitney, services as Town Clerk, etc.,	55 53	
H. A. Whitney, services as Constable, Truant Officer and Fire Warden,	21 00	
D. O. Evans, services as Constable,	5 00	
Charles K. Griffin, services as Constable,	5 00	
B. W. Woodbury, " "	5 00	
E. Grant, services as Auditor,	6 00	
O. C. Rhodes, services as Assessor, 1892,	28 75	
		$557 91
Appropriation,		500 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$57 91

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation,		$ 400 00
Paid George E. Despeaux, labor,	$ 7 00	
M. Tingley, labor,	1 25	
B. W. Woodbury, repairs at schoolhouse,	5 45	
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware,	13 38	
F. J. Bemis, repairs at Town House,	47 47	
E. B. Stowe, repairs at schoolhouse,	4 35	
R. G. Fairbanks, repairs at schoolhouse,	26 76	
L. F. Thayer, nails for Town House,	7 80	
T. E. Morse, paint for schoolhouse,	1 41	
D. H. Chilson, painting Town House,	15 87	
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware,	4 30	
Albert Chilson, labor on Town House,	24 34	
T. E. Morse, painting and papering Town Clerk's office,	4 69	
O. J. Chilson, shingling Town House,	54 26	
Hiram Chilson, painting Town House,	19 50	
E. C. Claflin, paint and oil,	34 87	
B. E. Marble, labor at Town House,	3 50	
H. A. Barney, shingles and lumber,	106 20	
Geo. R. Drake, paint for schoolhouse,	2 00	
		$384 40
Unexpended,		$15 60

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid 23 Overseers' orders,		$1,938 02
Appropriation,	$1,800 00	
Exceeded appropriation,	138 02	
		1,938 02

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings,	$122 75	
W. M. Olin,	1 75	
W. Spooner,	3 60	
		$128 10
Appropriation,	$100 00	
Exceeded appropriation,	28 10	
		$128 10

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,		$50 00
Paid V. B. Rockwood:—		
51 hours' labor at North Bellingham cemetery,	$ 7 65	
45 hours' labor at Center cemetery,	6 75	
Care Sarah B. Holbrook's lot,	1 00	
Care Abigail P. Eaton lot,	75	
Paid Orrin Chilson:—		
Labor at South Bellingham cemetery,	12 00	
Unexpended,	21 85	
		$50 00

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation,	$50 00
Paid James O. Richardson,	50 00

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Account of W. A. Burr, Road Commissioner.

1892.

April 26,	Scraping, 4 horses,	80 hours,	$44 00
	John Lannan, labor,	80 "	12 00
	George Crooks,	90 "	13 50
	Patrick Connelly,	90 "	13 50
	Charles Smith,	20 "	3 00
	W. A. Burr,	80 "	14 00
May 31,	Scraping, 4 horses,	60 "	33 00
	W. A. Burr, labor,	80 "	14 00
	John Lannan,	60 "	9 00

	A. Trask,	108 hours,	$16 20	
	Michael Brenshan,	110 "	16 50	
	W. A. Burr, 2 horses,	10 "	2 50	
June	30, W. A. Burr, 2 horses,	40 "	10 00	
	W. A. Burr, labor,	40 "	7 00	
	Charles Smith, labor,	40 "	6 00	
	Charles Crooks, labor,	40 "	6 00	
	Michael Brenshan,	40 "	6 00	
	Albert Trask,	40 "	6 00	
Oct.	1, Stephen Scott, man and team 50 hours,		20 00	
	W. A. Burr, 2 horses,	50 hours,	17 50	
	W. A. Burr, labor,	60 "	10 50	
	George Crooks, labor,	40 "	6 00	
	Michael Brenshan,	90 "	13 50	
	Three Frenchmen,	390 "	58 50	
Oct.	31, W. A. Burr, 2 horses,	70 "	17 50	
	Michael Brenshan,	130 "	19 50	
	Three Frenchmen,	350 "	52 50	
	W. A. Burr,	40 "	7 00	
	S. Scott and team,	10 "	4 00	
	B. W. Woodbury, gravel,		12 25	
				$ 470 95

Snow Bills.

1892.				
	W. A. Burr, 2 horses,	20 hours,	$5 00	
	W. A. Burr, labor,	20 hours,	3 50	
	John Lannan, "	20 "	3 00	
	Charles Smith, "	10 "	1 50	
	Charles Adams, "	10 "	1 50	
	J. Coffin, "	15 "	2 25	
	Charles Crooks, "	15½ "	2 37	
	Hiram Crooks, "	15½ "	2 37	
	Alva Trask and boy, labor,		2 50	
	Fred Rhodes, labor,		2 25	
	Albert Aldrich, "	20 hours,	3 00	
1893.				
Jan.	W. A. Burr, and 2 horses,	12 hours,	4 80	
	George Crooks,	20 hours,	3 00	
	Charles Crooks,	20 "	3 00	
	Albert Aldrich,	13 "	1 95	
	Fred Trask,	7 "	1 05	
	Ira Crooks,	12 "	1 80	
	W. F. Wales,	10 "	1 50	
				46 34

Account of L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner.

1892.				
George Nelson, old bill,			$ 3 88	
L. F. Thayer, horses on road machine, 65 hours,			35 75	
L. F. Thayer, horses on cart,	438 hours,		109 50	
L. F. Thayer, labor,	315 hours,		55 90	
Frank Gay,	279 "		41 85	
Hiram Cook,	336 "		50 47	
Joseph Gerstle,	380 "		57 01	
John Brown,	173 "		25 95	
H. Hancock,	190 "		28 50	
Charles Marble,	82 "		12 30	
Edward Marble,	91 "		13 65	
Ira Fisk,	52 "		7 80	
Samuel Snodgrass	41 "		6 15	
Victor Nadeau,	30 "		4 50	
Repairing tools,			2 10	
Dynamite and fuse,			1 75	
Hiram Cook,	90 hours,		13 50	
J. Gerstle,	100 "		15 00	
Ira Fisk,	90 "		13 50	
L. F. Thayer,	25 "		4 13	
L. F. Thayer, (horse)	25 "		2 00	
Frank Gay,	20 "		3 00	
M. Apgar,	26 loads gravel,		1 04	
L. F. Thayer,	164 "		6 56	
O'Connor,	12 "		48	
Mrs. H. Bates,	293 "		11 72	
				$527 99

Snow Bills.

1892.			
2 horses,	4 hours,	$1 00	
Frank Gay,	13 "	1 95	
A. Hancock,	14 "	2 10	
Samuel Snodgrass,	9½ "	1 42	
George Gerrish,	7½ "	1 12	
R. Smith,	10 "	1 50	
Dexter Bates,	10 "	1 50	
William White,	6½ "	97	
H. Ellis,	7½ "	1 12	
P. Cook,	7½ "	1 12	
J. Brown,	10 "	1 50	
1893.			
L. F. Thayer,	8½ hours	1 54	
A. Hancock,	1½ "	23	
Samuel Snodgrass,	5 "	75	
George Gerrish,	1½ "	23	
2 horses,	5 "	1 25	
			19 30

ACCOUNT OF M. J. CONNOLLY, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

M. J. Connolly, labor, 407 hours,		$ 71 22	
M. J. Connolly, scraping, 45 hours,		31 50	
M. J. Connolly, two horses, 685 hours,		171 25	
Robert McGuire,	305 hours,	45 75	
F. Sullivan,	55 "	8 25	
John McGoty,	105 "	21 75	
Joseph Millet,	20 "	3 00	
Sidney Apt,	62 "	9 30	
Charles McGoty,	38 "	5 70	
John Lynch,	350 "	52 50	
Michael Hefferon,	135 "	20 25	
Peter Macy,	65 "	9 75	
Joseph Wales,	10 "	1 50	
Patrick Griffin,	160 "	24 00	
James Vaughn,	120 "	18 00	
Lewis McKean,	78 "	11 70	
Patrick O'Neal,	14 "	2 10	
O. L. Bullard,	30 "	4 50	
O. L. Bullard, horses, 30 hours,		7 50	
George R. Drake, 30 feet tile,		9 00	
Charles Partridge, labor, 33 hours,		4 95	
John Jennison,	110 loads gravel,	4 40	
Michael Naughton,	105 "	4 20	
Francis Metcalf,	437 "	13 11	
			$555 18
			$1,619 76
Appropriation,			1,500 00
Exceeded appropriation,			$119 76

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Appropriation,			$100 00
W. A. Burr, Road Commissioner's bill:—			
1100 feet plank,	$22 00		
7 stringers,	10 00		
Spikes,	1 45		
Labor on bridges,	6 00		
		$39 45	
M. J. Connolly, Road Commissioner's bill:—			
Francis Metcalf, plank and boards,	$7 63		
G. R. Drake, spikes and nails,	75		
M. J. Connolly, labor,	1 75		
" horses,	2 00		
		12 13	

L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner's bill:—			
Plank,	$4 64		
Labor,	1 00		
		$5 64	
			$57 22
Unexpended,			$42 78

FIRE WARDENS.

Paid N. A. Cook,	$11 00	
V. B. Rockwood and others,	45 15	
Calvin Fairbanks and others,	7 00	
		$63 15

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid Henry A. Whitney, care 83 tramps,	$13 84

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Appropriation,	$20 00
Unexpended,	20 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation,			$200 00
Paid estate of J. O. Wilcox, water tub, 1890-91,	$10 00		
George E. Allen, repairing scraper,	8 50		
R. G. Fairbanks, expenses Columbus Day,	6 15		
M. B. Taylor, Supervisor,	37		
John J. Gerstle, Supervisor,	37		
Daniel Sullivan, Supervisor and Ballot Clerk,	3 50		
James O. Richardson, Ballot Clerk,	3 50		
George E. Aldrich, Teller,	2 00		
For support of Martin Tingley at Natick,	2 20		
			36 59
Unexpended,			$163 41

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriation.	Expended.
Teaching school and care of schoolhouses,	$2,300 00	$2,869 45
Fuel and school expenses,	150 00	212 41
School books and supplies,	200 00	328 67
Town officers,	500 00	557 91
Repair of Town buildings,	400 00	384 40
Support of poor,	1,800 00	1,938 02

	Appropriation.	Expended.
Printing,	$ 100 00	$ 128 10
Cemeteries,	50 00	28 15
Decoration Day,	50 00	50 00
Repair of highways,	1,500 00	1,619 76
Repair of bridges and railings,	100 00	57 22
Fire wardens,		63 15
Care of tramps,		13 84
Guide-boards,	20 00	
Miscellaneous,	200 00	36 59
	$7,370 00	$8,287 67

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ELBRIDGE GRANT, Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS.

Support of schools,	$2,300 00	
School books,	200 00	
Bridges and railings,	100 00	
Support of poor,	1,800 00	
Repair of highways,	1,500 00	
Interest on Town notes,	200 00	
Town miscellaneous,	200 00	
Town officers,	500 00	
School supplies and fixtures,	150 00	
Repair of Town building,	400 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Repair of cemeteries,	50 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Repair of guide-boards,	20 00	
State tax,	525 00	
County tax,	641 81	
Overlayings,	373 49	
		$9,610 30
Tax assessed on real estate,	$7,305 28	
Tax assessed on personal estate,	1,599 02	
Poll taxes,	706 00	
		$9,610 30

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1, '92, Cash on hand,	$2,446 88
Feb. 1, '92, Cash on hand, school account,	32 00
Received for corporation tax,	2 45
National Bank tax,	98 12
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	36 00
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	264 00
Dog tax from County Treasurer,	185 47
Income Massachusetts school fund,	334 64
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector 1891, tax in full,	1,491 73
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1892 tax,	8,417 97
James Gerstle, for lumber,	3 49

Silas Williams, lumber,	$ 1 00	
Support of State paupers,	16 50	
Town House, per H. A. Whitney,	7 00	
Support of paupers, Town of Sutton,	37 50	
		$13,374 75

EXPENDITURES.

200 Selectmen's orders,	$8,287 67	
State tax,	525 00	
County tax,	641 81	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	280 00	
" Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	90 00	
Abated taxes,	73 19	
Principal on Town notes,	2,000 00	
Interest on Town notes,	463 92	
Postage and stationery,	5 25	
Labor on cemetery lot (Sarah Holbrook),	1 00	
Labor on cemetery lot (Abigail P. Eaton),	75	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector 1891,	92 24	
Calvin Fairbanks, tax bills,	3 75	
H. A. Whitney, wood for Town House,	7 00	
Heirs of Horace A. Jencks, estate sold at auction,	39 72	
		$12,511 30

LIABILITIES.

Six outstanding notes,	$2,832 00	
Due Town officers,	400 00	
		$3,232 00

ASSETS.

Due on 1892 tax,	$1,192 33	
Due from state aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	50 00	
Due from state aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	45 00	
Cash on hand,	863 45	
		2,150 78
Total Town debt,		$1,081 22

CEMETERY FUND HELD IN TRUST.

Aug. 1, '92, Benedict fund,		$46 50
June 29, '92, Abigail P. Eaton,	$55 46	
Expended,	75	
		54 71

Oct. 29, '92, Sarah B. Holbrook,	$112 08	
Expended,	1 00	
		$111 08
Feb. 1, '93, Elizabeth Barber,		30 70
		$242 99

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CRIMINAL CASES.

Receipts.

Cash on hand from last year,	$122 93	
From R. G. Fairbanks, trial justice:—		
Complaint No. 324,	10 00	
		$132 93

Expenses.

Complaint No. 324, Officer Griffin,	$9 10	
Complaint No. 311, "	2 12	
Complaint No. 318, "	2 01	
Complaint No. 319, "	1 51	
N. A. Cook, trial justice:—		
Complaint No. 366,	8 80	
Complaint No. 367,	2 50	
Complaint No. 369,	8 80	
		$34 84

R. F. THAYER,
Treasurer.

I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ELBRIDGE GRANT, Auditor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

We have but little to report this year in regard to the highways. The Selectmen's report shows the manner in which we have expended the money appropriated by the Town. The three hundred dollars ($300) above the usual appropriation has nearly all been expended on the back roads, the Farm street road, Hixon street road, Davis street road, also Blackstone street road. The Scott Hill road took about fifty dollars ($50) of this money.

We would recommend the appropriation of fifty dollars ($50) extra this year on the Henry Grant hill, also one hundred dollars ($100) on the road from Crooks' corner to Blackstone line. The bridges and railings are in fair condition, and we would recommend to the Town that the guide-boards needing repair should be replaced with iron boards instead of the wooden ones now in use.

L. F. THAYER,
W. A. BURR,
M. J. CONNOLLY,
Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present to the voters of Bellingham the report of their doings for the past year.

The Almshouse has been visited by one of the State Inspectors, and thoroughly examined; and we are pleased to find in the annual report of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, evidence that the Poor Department of this Town receives considerable care and attention from those in charge thereof.

There are at present only seven inmates, one, Emory Chilson, having died January 23d, 1893. There are no persons outside, belonging to Bellingham, receiving tomporary aid or partial support.

There have been no extensive repairs at the Almshouse during the year. The chimneys in the main part of the house have been pointed up with mortar and cement, to guard against possible risks from fire. Some new farming machines and tools have been added to the equipment.

There are two patients at the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, at an expense to the Town of $339.84 the past year. Bellingham has 1 insane patient in the Lunatic Hospital to each 667 of population; Norfolk County has 1 to each 968; the state of Massachusetts has 1 to each 815. Bellingham has fully supported 1 person to each 144 inhabitants; the state fully supported 1 persoon to each 262. We therefore see that our Town has more than its share of insane to care for; and also more than its share of poor people to provide for. We are pleased to report a less number this year, and believe the policy inaugurated by the Overseers in 1885, is beginning to bear fruit.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1893.

Dr.

To cash received from Town Treasurer,	$1,938 02
Receipts from Town Farm,	1,388 70
To cash received from Town of Wrentham,	5 00
Total,	$3,331 72

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By expenditures at Town Farm,		$2,436 06
Salary of E. W. Woodbury, Jan. 1, '92, to Jan. 1, '93,		500 00
Outside aid,		370 59
Traveling expenses, paper and postage,		25 07
Total,		$3,331 72
Amount drawn from Town Treasurer,		$1,938 02
Town appropriation,	$1800 00	
Treasurer has received from Town of Sutton,	37 50	
Treasurer has received from State,	16 50	
Overseers have received from Town of Wrentham,	5 00	
		1,859 00
Balance overdrawn,		$79 02

OUTSIDE AID.

Joseph Cross, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$169 92
Milton F. Holbrook, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	169 92
George R. Bennett of Sutton,	30 75
Total,	$370 59

Bills receivable, estimated,	$41 00
Bills payable, estimated,	15 00

Feb. 1, '92, to Feb. 1, 93, 83 tramps,	$13 84

378 2-7 weeks' board at the Almshouse.
The seven inmates average to be 65 years and 1 month old.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1893.

Farm Receipts.

To cash from Overseers,	$1,047 36
Milk,	863 21
Wood and lumber,	232 21
Stock, beef and pork,	126 99
Onions,	63 26
Potatoes,	49 95
Eggs,	15 24
Miscellaneous,	37 84
Total,	$2,436 06

Farm Expenditures.

Grain,	$673 98
Labor,	315 03
Stock,	275 50
Groceries,	255 39
Fertilizer, seeds, hardware, and coal,	199 76
Meat, fish, and oysters,	167 58
Farming tools and repairs,	103 88
Butter,	63 43
Boots, shoes, and dry goods,	60 55
Blacksmithing and repairs,	51 34
Rent of pasture,	45 00
Skim milk,	36 89
Hay,	29 79
Doctor and medicine,	28 85
Harness repairs, oil, etc.,	28 05
Miscellaneous,	24 26
Saw bills,	22 57
Coffee and tea,	21 99
Funeral expenses,	17 00
Tobacco,	15 22
Total,	$2,436 06

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM,

Appraised by the Selectmen, Feb. 4, 1193.

Estimated value of land and buildings,	$3,150 00
Household goods, not elsewhere mentioned,	207 75
	$3,357 75

13 cows,	$390 00	Pails,	$ 2 00
1 bull,	20 00	Flour,	15 00
Meadow hay,	12 00	Sugar,	2 00
English hay,	160 00	Butter,	3 00
Corn stalks,	10 00	Stone hammer and 4 drills,	5 00
Rye,	24 00	Hand drills,	1 00
Rye straw,	18 00	Breaking hammer,	1 25
2 sows,	35 00	Drill hammer,	1 25
3 horses,	300 00	Small pean hammer,	1 00
Corn in crib,	42 00	Wedges and rounds,	44
2 bill-hooks,	1 40	3 axes,	1 50
1 cross-cut saw,	2 00	2 cranberry rakes,	2 50
Meat saw and knives,	2 20	Handcuffs,	5 00
Sled,	48 00	Whiffletrees and evener,	2 25
Seed corn,	3 00	8 chains,	5 50
50 hens,	25 00	Scythes and snaths,	3 50
2-horse express wagon,	100 00	Meal and oats,	10 50

Cutaway harrow,	$20	00	Mattocks,	$ 1	25
Scraper,	7	00	Set of measures,	1	00
Stone drag,	5	00	Tubs and wringers,	4	50
Grindstone,	6	50	Barrels,	5	00
Coal,	4	00	Scalding tub,	1	00
1-horse farm wagon,	55	00	Bench,	1	00
Whitewash brushes,	2	75	9 hand-grenades,	7	69
1 bbl. vinegar,	8	00	Tobacco,	3	90
7 bbls. vinegar stock,	28	00	Spices,	2	10
Potatoes,	35	00	Coffee,		25
Oil,	1	80	Tea,	5	60
3 harrows,	5	00	Horse blankets,	7	00
Sleigh shoes,	1	00	Surcingles,		50
1 set of double harnesses,	20	00	Manure forks,	2	25
Hay cutter,	7	00	Hay knife and 4 forks,	2	50
2 single harnesses,	12	00	Iron rake,		25
Tackle blocks,	7	00	Jockey stick,	2	00
Wagon jack,	1	25	Hoes,	3	00
Cart,	90	00	2 wrenches, 1 hammer,	2	00
Wheelbarrows,	7	00	Carpenter tools,	9	00
New mowing machine,	40	00	2-horse wagon,	25	00
Old "	5	00	Hewing axe,	2	25
1 Lincoln creamer,	15	00	Turnips,	1	00
1 churn,	7	50	Onions,	4	00
Grain cradle,	2	50	Beans,	8	75
2 cultivators,	12	00	Hay tedder,	25	00
3 plows,	11	50	Horse rake,	21	00
1 drag and 5 hand rakes,	3	00	Seed sower,	10	00
Hook and ladders,	4	00	Cord wood,	80	00
Iron bar,	1	25	Ice,	75	00
Small wood,	12	00	Fresh pork,	6	00
Posts,	4	00	4 bbls. apples,	6	00
Hams and shoulders,	15	60	2 wash boilers,	3	00
Salt pork,	47	00			
Lard,	5	60		$2,095	83
3 pairs ice tongs,	2	50			
Land, buildings, etc.,				3,357	75
Total value of Town Farm,				$5,453	58

WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,
SENECA BURR,
GEORGE A. CROOKS,
Overseers of the Poor.

I have examined above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The amount of uncollected taxes due the Town at the close of the year is some three hundred dollars better showing than last year. The poll taxes have been collected earlier than ever before, and more in accord with the vote of the Town.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, Collector, from February 4, 1892 to February 3, 1893, in account with the Town of Bellingham.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes, 1891,		$1,457 79	
Interest collected, 1891,		33 94	
Appropriation for 1892,		9,610 30	
			$11,102 03

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By abatements 1891,	$73 19		
Commission, 1891,	92 24		
Interest 1891,	33 94		
		$ 199 37	
Cash paid Treasurer,		9,710 33	
Due Treasurer,		1,192 33	
			$11,102 03

CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Collector of Taxes.

Statistics from Assessors' Books.

Number of residents assessed on property,	293
" non-residents assessed on property,	128
" assessed a poll tax,	353
" assessed a poll tax only,	157
Value of assessed personal estate,	$119,330
" Real estate :—	
Buildings,	311,490
Land,	233,680
Total,	$664,500
Tax for State, County and Town Purposes :—	
On Real estate,	$7,305 28
On Personal estate,	1,599 02
On Polls,	706 00
Total,	$9,610 30
Rate, $13.40 per $1,000.	
Number of horses assessed,	262
" Cows,	543
" Neat cattle other than cows,	8
" Swine,	45
" Dwelling houses,	309½
" Acres of land,	10,951¾

It will be noticed that there is a loss in valuation from 1891 of $13,400. This comes mainly from the removal of the Print Works machinery from the mill at North Bellingham.

E. B. STOWE,
SENECA BURR,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Assessors of Bellingham.

Bellingham, February 15, 1893.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1892-93.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1893.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1892-3.

OLNEY J. CHILSON,	Term expires 1893.
RUFUS G. FAIRBANKS,	" 1894.
NATHAN W. SANBORN,	" 1895.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Last year your Committee referred to some causes which produced and continued poor schools in rural communities. In other towns we find the alarm is spreading, and that country towns are spending a large amount of money which brings no adequate return. Already a large number of towns have set themselves at work to ascertain, if possible, just where the difficulty is with country schools, and why better work is not done in them.

It is generally agreed by experts in this line of work that the best schools are those where the greatest number of pupils can be got into one building, having due regard, of course, to the proper number of pupils to a teacher. Consolidation of public schools is now quite generally assumed to be the solution of the country school problem. And so also, it is not an experiment. In those towns where it has been tried in Massachusetts its success has far exceeded the humblest expectation of its advocates. Now Bellingham is peculiarly situated, and those natural conditions of territory cannot be changed. We can only adapt methods and systems to that territory in such a way as will bring the best results.

Our children are precious, and try as hard as we may we can not shake off the fact that the products of our schools must go out into life and compete with the products of the best graded systems of our large towns and cities. True it is we cannot hope to cope with Boston with all her resource of brains and capital. Our moral responsibility ceases when we have done what we can to bring our school system to the highest degree attainable under all the circumstances. Until that is done we cannot believe the Town is doing other than depriving the school children of what belongs to them.

During the past year we were fortunate in obtaining a teachers' institute, with one hundred teachers present, and although the variety of program was somewhat limited, still the result of the meeting was certainly renewed life in the Town school work. Now Mr. Prince, the agent of the State Board of Education, is a man of rare ability and learning. He has made a profound study

of teaching, and examined work not only in this country but abroad. Before the institute he visited the schools in Town and examined locations with special reference to the possible consolidation of schools. On the evening preceding the institute, Secretary Dickinson of the State Board, assisted by Mr. Prince, gave a talk to the people of the Town on educational affairs in general, and at that time, knowing the wide range of experience of both gentlemen, your Committee propounded this question: Whether or no consolidation of the Longfellow, Whittier and Webster schools was advisable. Both gentlemen said without any hesitation, "It is the best thing the Town can do." Sec. Dickinson said further that "such a plan as the transportation of pupils from Beaver and Quinobequin schools to make two good-sized schools at the Massey building would be a most excellent one; that where these small schools, in other parts of the state, have been closed and the pupils transported to some center, it had *increased* rather than diminished the value of real estate near them. Men of property and men who would make desirable citizens and who are looking about the state for homes, will always settle in those towns that offer the best facilities for educating children."

Now is not this testimony valuable? Where can we go to get evidence of more value? Country schools are necessarily located to cover a large amount of territory, and in our Town a number of schools exist averaging not over 15 pupils. The result of this is to leave those pupils without any ambition for promotion, the harmful effects of which are all too painfully apparent. Educators who labor on this problem are agreed that to abolish these small schools is the first step towards stopping the retrograde movement in country education.

At the Massey, Quinobequin and Beaver Pond districts we have four rooms and three houses. We have money invested in buildings, and the items of interest, insurance, repairs and care constantly drawing on the treasury. If pupils could be transported from Norcross corner via Abiram Wales' place to the center, it would put two good-sized schools into the Massey house. That act would do away with the various and constant items of expense on two other buildings, and in addition to that the wages of teachers disposed of would about pay the carting.

Now what benefits would arise from this? In the first place it would be better for the children because they would be taken from their own houses, or practically so, and set down at the

schoolhouse. Their interest and ambition for promotion would be increased a hundred times. Classification of grades would then be to the advantage of every scholar, and teachers could be obtained who would remain on fair salaries; because the same spirit of school work would be present that they find in larger places.

On the other hand, what are the objections? Surely not expense, for that will remain about the same. Really we know no argument except it is something different than we have before done, and that is an excuse only.

The report shows that during the past ten years, between the census, the increase in pupils is sixteen per cent. In our Town the increase has been principally at the north end. At the Webster school seven new desks have just been put in.

The Longfellow school is too crowded. Fifty pupils to one teacher are none too many if they be all of an age, but where they vary from 5 to 15 no teacher can handle them and do satisfactory work, especially in a room designed for only forty, as at Caryville. If no other change is required, the Town must supply another room at this school next year. With the pupils in the three schools at this end of the Town is it better for them to be together or apart? No one looking fairly at the matter has yet said apart, so that the query comes, How best can the consolidation be accomplished? A schoolhouse where the Webster school ought to have been placed is the only feasible remedy yet suggested. The present house is very favorably located for marketable purposes, as, indeed, is the Longfellow.

A new house, outside the income derived from the sale of the present houses, could be constructed for an additional outlay of $2500. Such a building would put these pupils into four rooms—a primary, two intermediate and grammar—with grades and system as good as that in Milford or Franklin centers. Would this be the best plan, or to continue to send our children out of town, as some are now doing, to get primary education? Probably four schools must be run at the north end next year, and would it pay to expend $1000 putting a new room under the Caryville schoolhouse? And probably also, the Longfellow room will require reseating, as the desks are broken, having been in constant use for over thirty years. We should be, with the new house, fitted for a great many years without further expense, whereas if we do nothing, the matter will continue to come up in

one way or another, and before it is through with will undoubtedly cost fully as much as if attended to now.

And right here we may be pardoned for saying that it is a matter of pride that some citizens have already looked into this matter and have come to an affirmative opinion. Your Committee has expended a great deal of time upon these questions, and we do feel that the time is opportune, and that if the plans suggested are adopted, the Town will be lifted from the position she has long occupied, and will take a proud position among the sister towns in the Commonwealth. And that is the least to say; the greatest good, the noblest result, will be the untold and incalculable benefit you will confer on those to come after you.

ATTENDANCE.

A careful canvass of the Town shows that on May 1, 1892, there were two hundred thirty children between the ages of five and fifteen. Our registers show that two hundred sixty-four pupils have attended our schools during the school year, and the average attendance for the year is one hundred eighty. If we remember the severe storm of the first week of the Spring term, and the extremely cold and snowy weeks of this winter, we shall come to the conclusion that the record is not a poor one. No doubt children are kept at home sometimes, unnecessarily, to do work that could be left undone until Saturday or vacation. If parents would take more pains to instill into their children that love of punctuality and perfect attendance that some of us have, we should have to devote more space to our Roll of Honor, and there would be less of the common thought that country schools do not educate as perfectly as the city schools.

Let no child be absent the coming year, we urge upon you, parents, without the best of reasons.

TEACHERS.

As in former years we have had many teachers. In five schools there has been no change during the year. It is in these schools that we see the greatest progress and the best results at examinations. The four other schools have been troubled more or less by a succession of teachers, teaching four weeks, eight weeks, one term, and in two instances two terms.

We have had during the year fourteen teachers, who have

all worked hard to give satisfaction and get good results from work done. Most of them have been successful.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The books furnished by the Town to its children are not taken that care of by the pupils that the books should have, and it is a problem yet unsolved by your Committee how to remedy this growing evil.

During the year Wentworth's Arithmetics have been put into use in the schools in place of Bradbury-Eaton. Some new Readers have been purchased, and more are needed. A new text-book on Physiology should be adopted the coming spring, and some change or addition made in the text-books in Geography.

It would be good business to place on the teachers' desks books on "Methods," and in the desk of every pupil, over eight years old, a Dictionary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Town Treasurer has received for school purposes:—

Income of state school fund,	$334 64	
" dog tax,	185 47	
" school bank,	25 00	
" surplus revenue,	140 00	
Town appropriation for books,	200 00	
" schools,	2,300 00	
" fuel and house supplies,	150 00	
Total,		$3,335 11

The Treasurer has expended:—

Wages of teachers and care of schoolhouses,	$2,869 45	
Fuel and schoolhouse supplies,	212 41	
School books and supplies,	328 67	
Total,		$3,410 53
		3,335 11
Overdrawn,		$75 42

CONCLUSION.

We do not want any one to think that our schools are as good as they can be. We believe that the Town demands, and ought to have, successful teachers, good discipline, and careful supervision, and all this at the lowest cost consistent with good business principles.

Your Committee, in all their changes, in all they have tried to do during the year, have kept this in view, and they leave it to you to say whether they have succeeded or not.

OLNEY J. CHILSON,
RUFUS G. FAIRBANKS,
NATHAN W. SANBORN,
School Committee, 1892-3.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FIRST TERM.

Longfellow.—Eugene Connelly, Grace Richards.

Webster.—Pearl Grant, Grace M. St. George, Minnie H. Coombs, Jennie Macy, Minnie E. Foley, Maggie A. Fitzpatrick, Willie Callahan, Arthur F. St. George, Henry J. Foley.

Whittier.—John J. Desmond, George Fitzpatrick, Willie Grant, Rosella Kennelly, Agnes Macy, Mary A. Macy, Maurice Murphy, Michael Murphy, Willie Murphy, Mary E. Ryan.

Beaver Pond.—Lizzie Mayo, Emma G. Albee, Charlie Woodbury, Herbert Tingley, Arthur Albee, Arthur Wood.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Susie Thayer, Bessie Keyes, Bertha Keyes, Carrie Taylor, Vera Billings, Aggie Sears, Lloyd Thayer, Waldo White, Manning Taylor, Elwyn Thayer, Charlie Sears.

Chilson.—Alice Paul, Elsie Trask, Genie Trask.

City.—Carrie Whipple, Bertha Whipple, Essie Staples.

SECOND TERM.

Longfellow.—Ernest Camp, Harry Camp, DeLacey Davidson, Leslie Fisher, Newton McKean, Flora Richards.

Webster.—Grace St. George, Eva M. Arnold, Agnes Macy, Garrett Fitzpatrick, Arthur St. George, Timothy Foley, Jennie Macy, Minnie Foley, Mary E. Ryan, Willie Callahan, Henry J. Foley.

Whittier.—Albert Bellam, Willie Bellam, Francis Desmond, John J. Desmond, George Fitzpatrick, Charlie Foley, James Humes, Jerry Kennelly, Michael Kennelly, Rosella Kennelly, Mary A. Macy, Edith Maxcy, Ida Metcalf, Maurice Murphy, Willie Murphy.

Beaver Pond.—Ruby M. Wales, Emma Albee, Arthur E. Wood.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Ella Spencer, Bessie Keyes, Hattie Sullivan, Susie Thayer, Carrie Taylor, Stella Gay, Olie Smith, Lottie Gay, Lida Spencer, Aggie Sears, Elwyn Thayer, Clifford Thayer, Charlie Sears, Bertie Spencer, Lester Osborne, Frank Sullivan.

Chilson.—Elsie V. Trask, Maggie Willey, Helen Thompson, Ada Trask, Andrew Willey, Leslie Chilson, Genie Trask.

City.—Kennie Staples, Carrie Whipple.

Wilcox.—Sadie McCarthy.

THIRD TERM.

Webster.—Ernest Wilson, Francis Naugtin, Henry J. Foley, Willie H. Callahan, George Fitzpatrick, Agnes Macy, Minnie E. Foley, Jennie S. Macy.

Whittier.—Willie Beach, James Beach, Edith Maxcy.

Beaver Pond.—Emma Albee, Arthur E. Wood.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Ella Spencer, Bessie Keyes, Bertha Keyes, Vera Billings, Elwyn Thayer, Ellery Thayer, Lester Osborne, George Thayer, Clifford Thayer.

FOR THE YEAR.

Webster.—Henry J. Foley, Willie Callahan, George Fitzpatrick, Agnes Macy, Minnie E. Foley.

Beaver Pond.—Arthur E. Wood, Emma Albee.

Massey.—Florence Cook, Bessie Keyes, Elwyn Thayer.

TABLE NO. 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS. 1892-3.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visitors.
	FIRST TERM.									
Longfellow,	Emilie Chamberlin, Fannie Burgess,	47	36.51	31.65	.868	26	2	3	$40 00	21
Webster,	George E. Aldrich,	24	22.07	21.17	.958	22	9	3	42 66	21
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard,	30	28.44	27.18	.92?	16	10	3	36 00	34
Beaver Pond,	Clara L. Thayer,	22	19.33	16.86	.853	14	6	3	32 00	16
Quinobequin,	Winnie L. Cook,	11	10.50	9.99	.951	7	0	3	32 00	18
Massey,	Mamie A. Billings,	31	29.28	27.47	.938	21	12	3	44 00	39
Chilson,	Hattie C. Holmes,	14	13.33	12.66	.949	9	3	3	32 00	15
City,	Agnes M. Grant,	36	27.16	22.39	.824	19	3	3	36 00	15
Wilcox,	Marion E. Howe,	17	16.7	14.95	.895	11	0	3	32 00	35
	SECOND TERM.									
Longfellow,	Catherine Meagher,	42	38.43	36.65	.953	24	6	2¾	40 00	39
Webster,	George E Aldrich,	34	31.41	30.17	.95	25	11	2¾	40 00	16
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard,	28	25.65	24.63	.949	12	15	2¾	40 00	7
Beaver Pond,	Clara L. Thayer,	20	19.33	17.36	.882	13	3	2¾	32 00	11
Quinobequin,	Winnie L. Cook,	16	15.13	13.92	.920	11	0	2¾	32 00	16
Massey,	M. A. Billings,	31	29.50	28.55	.967	20	17	2¾	40 00	16
Chilson,	Carrie L. Miller,	17	16.33	16.00	.979	13	7	2¾	32 00	14
City,	Agnes M. Grant,	31	22.67	19.01	.838	15	2	2¾	36 00	9
Wilcox,	Marion E. Howe,	14	13.7	12.68	.925	10	1	2¾	32 00	22
	THIRD TERM.									
Longfellow,	Catherine Meagher,	39	38.80	27.70	.713	21	0	2¾	40 00	16
Webster,	George E. Aldrich,	37	32.57	28.85	.88	26	7	2¾	40 00	23
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard,	26	20.37	14.80	.773	13	3	2¾	40 00	13
Beaver Pond,	Clara L. Thayer,	19	18.50	14.09	.757	11	2	2¾	32 00	9
Quinobequin,	Winnie L. Cook,	13	12.62	9.37	.742	9	0	2¾	32 00	4
Massey,	M. A. Billings,	30	28.92	27 59	.954	20	9	2¾	40 00	10
Chilson,	Carrie L. Miller,	17	17.00	12.50	.735	12	0	2¾	32 00	5
City,	Agnes M. Grant,	31	23.96	17.46	.728	19	0	2¾	36 00	5
Wilcox,	Eva A. Rich,	12	9	7.6	.841	9	0	2¾	32 00	8

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1892-3.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different pupils.	Average Membership.	Percentage of attendance.	Average attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Longfellow	56	37.91	.844	32.00	29	1	1	0	$10 00
Webster	23	28.81	.929	26.73	23	0	0	5	10 22
Whittier	30	24.82	.881	21.66	16	0	0	0	9 66
Beaver Pond	24	19.05	.830	16.10	15	0	0	2	8 00
Quinobequin	17	12.75	.871	11.09	11	1	0	0	8 00
Massey	32	29.26	.953	28.20	22	1	0	3	10 33
Chilson	19	15.55	.887	13.72	13	0	1	0	8 00
City	45	24.59	.796	19.62	22	2	4	0	9 00
Wilcox	18	13.13	.888	11.74	11	0	1	0	8 00
Total and average	264	206.87	.875	180.86	162	5	7	10	9 02+

Number of children in town May 1, 1892, between the ages of 5 and 15	230
Whole number of different pupils in all schools for the year	264
Average membership for the year	206.87
Average attendance for the year	180.86
Percentage of attendance	.875
Number between 8 and 14 years	162
Number over 15 years	7
Number under 5 years	5
Neither absent nor tardy	10
Average wages of teachers per week	$9.02+

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Sixth Day of March, A. D., 1893, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of all the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for the following purposes, to wit: 1st, Support of Schools; 2nd, School Fixtures and Supplies; 3d, School Books; 4th, Repair of the Highways; 5th, Bridges and Railings; 6th, Repair of Guide-boards; 7th, Support of the Poor; 8th, Repair of Town Buildings; 9th, Town Miscellaneous Items; 10th, Printing; 11th, Interest on Town Debt; 12th, to pay Town Debt; 13th, Pay of Town Officers; 14th, Repairs in the Cemeteries.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Decoration Day, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town? To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No."

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will allow any bills, if there are any presented.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to lay out a Town road, commencing at a point near the house of Charles H. Burr on Mendon street, to a point on Depot street, near the depot, or act or do anything relating thereto.

Article 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will appropriate for the transportation of scholars, or act or do anything thereon.

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And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1893.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

Town Clerk Office

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TOWN CLERK.

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SELECTMEN.

RUEL F. THAYER, ORRIN CHILSON,
ELIJAH B. STOWE.

TREASURER.

RUEL F. THAYER.

ASSESSORS.

SENECA BURR, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
WM. A. McKEAN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CARROLL E. WHITE, Term expires March, 1896
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS, " " 1895

[Mr. Fairbanks resigned in April, 1893; the vacancy was filled by George Nelson.]

GEORGE A. CROOKS, Term expires March, 1894

CONSTABLES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, CHARLES R. GRIFFIN
DELACY O. EVANS, STEPHEN E. SCOTT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALBERT A. ALDRICH, Term expires 1896
NATHAN W. SANBORN, " 1895
RUFUS G. FAIRBANKS, " 1894

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

STEPHEN E. SCOTT, Term expires 1896
L. FRANCIS THAYER, " 1895
MAURICE J. CONNOLLY, " 1894

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

AUDITOR.

ELBRIDGE GRANT.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

FRANCIS METCALF, Term expires 1894
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, " 1895
ORRIN CHILSON, " 1896

FENCE VIEWERS.

L. FRANCIS THAYER, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

POUND KEEPER.

EVERETT W. WOODBURY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
NATHAN A. COOK.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, L. FRANCIS THAYER
WILLIAM A. BURR, JUDSON E. CAMP
ELBRIDGE GRANT, HENRY W. PICKERING
GEORGE A. CROOKS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, SENECA BURR
JUDSON E. CAMP, ORRIN CHILSON

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER AND MILK.

ORVILLE C. RHODES.

[He resigned in the fall, and Carroll E. White was appointed to fill the vacancy.]

POLICE OFFICERS.

JOHN MACY, GEORGE L. GERRISH
JOHN C. BURT, CHARLES F. CROOKS

AUCTIONEER.

NATHAN A. COOK.

SEXTONS.

ORRIN CHILSON, STEPHEN F. METCALF
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, HENRY W. PICKERING

BALLOT CLERKS FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, DANIEL SULLIVAN

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION.

GEORGE H. GERSTLE.

JURORS DRAWN.

1893.	
March 22,	Henry Cook, Grand Juror.
	Luman R. Camp.
	Ariel B. Drake.
May 1,	J. Sanford Thompson.
Aug. 29,	George Nelson.
Sept. 25,	Alonzo N. Whitney.
Nov. 20,	Charles F. Crooks.
	Edward H. Thayer.
	William A. McKean.
Dec. 20.	Alvin H. Clark.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

In submitting our report we have one or two suggestions to present to the Town, one of which is the rebinding of our old records. We have several volumes which in order to be preserved should be rebound at once. The cost would be about $6 per volume. When the Commissioner of Public Records was here some years ago he said they needed it badly, and it should be done immediately. As regards copying, we consider the records quite good, excepting a few entries which are nearly obliterated, but by tracing might be preserved for quite a number of years before copying.

We have this year completed the copying of the Publishments, Marriages, Births and Deaths contained in the first record book from 1720 to 1825, which contains 735 Publishments, 323 Marriages, 1759 Births, 349 Deaths.

We have received communication from the state librarian and also from the chairman of the committee on education in the Legislature in regard to the establishment of a Free Public Library in this town. Any town that will accept the provisions of Chap. 347, Acts of 1890, is entitled to $100 worth of books from the state. The Act provides that a town of our valuation would be obliged to appropriate a sum not less than $25 annually, which sum could be taken from the dog tax, or otherwise provided.

We stated to them that the chief difficulty in our town was the long distance from the North to the South end, and would perhaps meet with opposition on that account; but they suggested remedies which had been used in towns which were as badly situated as we are. Furthermore, there are only 44 towns in the state (and Bellingham is the only one in Norfolk County) that have not a Free Public Library.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

102 males, $2,	$204 00	
6 females, $5,	30 00	
		$234 00
Fees, 108, 20c,	$ 21 60	
Return and oath,	2 40	
		24 00
Balance paid County Treasurer,		$210 00

Legal papers recorded,	13
Marriage licenses recorded,	13
Marriages recorded,	14
Deaths recorded,	33
Births recorded,	39

RECORD OF FIRES FROM INSURANCE BOOK OF 1893.

May 25.—Forest fire on land of Orrin Chilson *et al.* about 37 acres; damage $250; caused by persons having a clam-bake.

June 6.—Forest fire on land of Proctor P. Cook, about 4 acres; damage $20; caused by sparks from engine on the New York & New England railroad from Franklin to Bellingham.

August 3.—Forest fire on land of Nathan A. Cook *et al.* about 44 acres; damage $295; also same fire burnt 100 cords of wood and some logs belonging to B. W. Jencks of Woonsocket, loss $275; also wood and logs of Charles H. Whipple, loss $35; caused by parties picking berries.

August 30.—Forest fire on land of Whipple Chilson heirs, about 2 acres; damage $40; same fire also burnt over 1 acre and 25 cords of wood of Wm. A. Burr, loss $50; caused by sparks from engine of the New York & New England railroad on the main line.

October 20.—Forest fire on land of Joseph Cook, about 3 acres; damage $15; incendiary.

TOWN RECORDS.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1893.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on the sixth day of March, A. D. 1893, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of all the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for the following purposes, to wit: 1st, Support of schools; 2d, School fixtures and supplies; 3d, School books; 4th, Repair of the highways; 5th, Bridges and railings; 6th, Repair of guideboards; 7th, Support of the poor; 8th, Repair of Town buildings; 9th, Town miscellaneous items; 10th, Printing; 11th, Interest on Town debt; 12th, To pay Town debt; 13th, Pay of Town Officers; 14th, Repairs in the cemeteries.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for Decoration Day, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the Treasury.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town? To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No."

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will allow any bills, if there are any presented.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to lay out a Town road, commencing at a point near the house of Charles H. Burr on Mendon street to some point on Depot street near the depot, or act or do anything thereon.

Article 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will appropriate for the transportation of scholars, or act or do anything thereon.

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And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1893.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, ss.

March 6, 1893.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time, place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant as within directed, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and Officer's return.

Attest : HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1893.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of Bellingham met as notified. The meeting was called to order at 10.20 o'clock by the Town Clerk, who then read the warrant, then taking up Art. 1, To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

Article 2. To hear the report of the Town Officers.

The Town Clerk's, Registrars', Collector's and Assessors' reports were read by their title, when it was voted to dispense with the further reading, and voted to accept the same as printed.

The titles of the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor and School Committee were read, and further reading voted to be dispensed with, and voted to lay them on the table. Voted that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to present a written report in the afternoon. Voted to accept the Selectmen's report of a new road as laid out by them, and the same be recorded.

Wm. A. McKean was appointed a Teller, and sworn by the Moderator.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

Chose for Town Clerk, Henry A. Whitney.

Selectmen, Ruel F. Thayer, Orrin Chilson, Elijah B. Stowe.

Treasurer, Ruel F. Thayer.

Assessors, Seneca Burr, Orville C. Rhodes, Wm. A. McKean.

Overseer of the Poor, for three years, Carroll E. White. Seneca Burr, one of the overseers, who had two years more to serve, resigned his office, and it was voted to pass to the next officers to be chosen and fill this vacancy later in the meeting.

Voted to choose four Constables, and chose Henry A. Whitney, Charles R. Griffin, Delacy O. Evans, Stephen E. Scott.

The members of the W. C. T. U. having dinner ready in the lower hall, it being 12.20 P. M., voted to adjourn until 1 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment; and proceeded to business by balloting for a School Committee for three years, and chose Albert A. Aldrich.

Road Commissioner for three years, Stephen E. Scott.

Collector, Calvin Fairbanks. Voted his salary be one per cent of all taxes committed to him to collect.

Auditor, Elbridge Grant.

Cemetery Committee, to serve three years, Orrin Chilson.

Voted to fill the vacancy in the board of Overseers, and chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

Voted to choose Fence Viewers by nomination, and chose L. Francis Thayer, Maurice J. Connolly, Stephen E. Scott.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint all other Town Officers required.

Article 4. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the following purposes, and it was voted to raise :—

For support of schools, $2300; school books, $200; school fixtures and supplies, $200; repairs of highways, $1800; bridges and railings, $100; repair of guide-boards, $30; support of the poor, $1800; for aid under Chap. 447, Acts of 1890, $200.

Voted that the pay for labor on the highways be 20 cents an hour, and the Commissioners' pay be 22½ cents an hour; for a pair of horses on the highways 25 cents an hour

Voted to pass over the remainder of this Article and take up Article 10, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town, to vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No."

The ballot box was used. It was inspected by the Selectmen and found empty, and the register set at 000, and in charge of Wm. A. McKean. The Clerk appointed George E. Aldrich to distribute the ballots. When balloting was through, the box registered 58. The ballots were counted from the box and 58 found therein. They were assorted and vote declared as follows: 10 Yes, and 48 No.

Voted to take up Article 9, To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Elbridge A. Rhodes requested his name stricken from the list, which was voted to be done. The list was then accepted as it then stood, as follows:—

Ariel B. Drake,	Henry Cook,
Edward H. Thayer,	Ellis T. Norcross,
Alvin H. Clark,	Alonzo N. Whitney,
Stephen E. Scott,	Milton R. Billings,
Addison E. Bullard,	Luman R. Camp,
J. Sanford Thompson,	Wm. A. McKean,
Charles F. Crooks,	James A. Spencer,

George Nelson.

It being now 5 o'clock, it was voted to adjourn to Wednesday, March 8, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8, 1893.

The legal voters of Bellingham met in the Town Hall according to adjournment, and proceeded to business by taking up Article 11, To see if the Town will allow any bills if there are any presented.

Miss Abbie May Hood presented a bill against the Town for teaching a public school in this Town the spring of 1889, and it was voted not to pay the bill. A motion was made to notify her lawyer that we were ready to defend the case. It was voted to lay the motion on the table. Bill of Rufus G. Fairbanks for expenses as School Committee of $30 for the years 1892 and 1893, it was voted to pay.

Article 4 was taken up, on raising money. It was voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, March 6, whereby the pay for men and Road Commissioners was established,

and voted that for work on the highways a man have 15 cents an hour, excepting for work in the snow, which shall be 20 cents an hour. Commissioners for work on the highways have 17½ cents an hour, excepting for work in the snow, which shall be 20 cents an hour. Motion to reconsider the price per hour for a pair of horses was lost; the price as it now stands is 25 cents an hour. These appropriations were made:—

Town buildings, $100; Miscellaneous items, $200; Printing, $100; Interest on debt, $200; Pay of Town debt, $500; Pay of Town Officers, $500; Cemeteries, $50; Memorial Day, $35.

It was voted that the Assessors add the interest of the surplus revenues and Bank tax in this year's assessments, which is $165.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Decoration Day, or act or do anything thereon.

$35 was voted, $25 to be given to the same committee as last year, which are James O. Richardson, Abiram W. Wales, 2d, and Henry W. Pickering; $10 to the School Committee, to be expended for children's exercises that day.

Article 6. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted that all who pay a poll tax only shall pay the same on demand, and all others shall be payable Oct. 1. To all taxes unpaid Nov. 1, ½ of one per cent per month will be added. All taxes must be paid on or before Jan. 1, 1894.

The W. C. T. U. having prepared another dinner, and being ready at this time (12.15), it was voted to adjourn three-quarters of an hour.

Met at 1 o'clock according to adjournment, and proceeded to business by taking up Article 7, To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Voted him that authority.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to exceed $1000 in amount.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to lay out a Town road commencing at a point near the house of Charles H. Burr on Mendon street to some point on Depot street near the depot; or act or do anything relating thereto. A motion was made, "That the Selectmen lay out Route No. 1 on surveyor's plan as presented to the Town, and appropriate $600 to build the same," and it was passed in the affirmative.

Road as Recorded.

Bellingham, Feb. 16, 1893.

Report of the Selectmen in regard to laying out the new road between Mendon street and Depot street:—

In relation to Article 12 in the warrant, the Selectmen would submit the following report: That whereas there was no article in the warrant at our last Town meeting so that this report could be taken up and acted upon, it has been deferred until this meeting. We would state that we viewed the premises and called to our aid the services of a surveyor, and laid out two different routes. The plans and specifications of each route are in our hands subject to your inspection, also to your approval or disapproval.

R. F. THAYER,
WM. A. McKEAN,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Article 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will appropriate for the transportation of scholars, or act or do anything thereon. A motion was made to raise $400 for that purpose, but it was defeated.

Article 14. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the need of a new school building at Caryville and North Bellingham as recommended by the School Committee, said Committee to report at an adjourned meeting, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted, that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to investigate this question and the need at South Bellingham as well as at the North and Caryville, and report at the next annual meeting. This Committee was appointed: Rufus G. Fairbanks, Otto L. Bullard, Henry W. Pickering, Nathan W. Sanborn, M. D., Addison E. Bullard.

Article 15. To see if the Town will adopt the following By-Law: "Any minor between the age of seven and fifteen found wandering about the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, or persistently violating the rules and regulations of the common schools, shall be committed to the Truant School at Walpole for a term not exceeding two years."

Voted to adopt the By-Law.

All the articles having been acted upon, Article 2 was again called up, and the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee were taken from the table separately, and voted to accept the same. The Cemetery Committee's report as prepared by them was read and accepted.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Your Cemetery Committee would submit the following report:—

CEMETERY FUND HELD IN TRUST.

Benedict fund,		$46 50
Abigail P. Eaton fund,	$55 46	
Expended from this fund,	75	
Balance,		$54 71
Sarah B. Holbrook fund,	$112 08	
Expended of this fund,	1 00	
Balance,		$111 08
Elizabeth Barbour fund,		$30 70
The Town appropriated for care of cemetery,		$50 00
Expended at North Bellingham,	$ 7 65	
At Center,	6 75	
At South Bellingham,	12 00	
		$26 40
Unexpended,		$23 60

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Committee.

Voted, that all unexpended balances at the end of the financial year be used in paying the Town Debt. A motion was made and passed in the affirmative to extend a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk for his extended report of Memorial Day and list of soldiers' graves decorated.

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with the Selectmen of Milford in regard to building a road across Bear Hill to Milford.

Voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MAY 12, 1893.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the twelfth day of May, A. D., 1893, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose an Overseer of the Poor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Warren E. Fairbanks.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this first day of May, A. D. 1893.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, *ss.*

May 12, 1893.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the legal voters of Bellingham to meet at time, place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and Officer's return.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham met on the evening of May 12, 1893, and proceeded to business by the Clerk reading the warrant, and taking up Article 1, "To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting," and chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

Article 2. To choose an Overseer of the Poor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Warren E. Fairbanks.

Chose William A. McKean. Mr. McKean not being present, and not knowing if he would accept said office, it was voted to adjourn to Saturday evening, May 20, 1893.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MAY 20, 1893.

Met according to adjournment, the Moderator (Mr. Fairbanks) not being present, and Carroll E. White was chosen Moderator.

Mr. McKean declined to accept as an Overseer of the Poor, when Article 2 was taken up, and George Nelson was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Nelson not being present to accept, the meeting was again adjourned to the next Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MAY 27, 1893.

Met according to adjournment. Mr. Nelson having accepted and qualified as an Overseer of the Poor, there was no other business to come before said meeting, and it was voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, NOV. 7, 1893.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1893, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their ballots to the Selectmen for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor for the Second District, Secretary for the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney-General, Senator for the Second Norfolk District, Two Representatives to the General Court for the Eighth Norfolk Representative District, Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Norfolk, one County Commissioner in and for the County of Norfolk; Amendment to the Constitution, "Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the payment of mileage to members of the General Court be approved and ratified?" All to be brought in on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at two o'clock, P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twenty-fifth day of October, A. D., 1893.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, *ss.* Nov. 7, 1893.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time, place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of the warrant and Officer's return.
Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 7, 1893.

The legal voters of Bellingham, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met according to the foregoing warrant in the Town Hall, and at 10.05 o'clock, A. M., the meeting was called to order by the chairman of Selectmen. The warrant and Officer's return thereon were read by the Clerk.

Before the Polls were opened the Ballot Clerks were sworn by the Clerk, and they assisted the Selectmen in posting cards of instructions and penalties and sample ballots, according to law. The Selectmen then gave the Clerk the following receipt:—

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 7, 1893.

Received of Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk, a package of official ballots said to contain 300.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

The Ballot Clerks were then presented with a duplicate check list and official ballots. The ballot-box was inspected by the Election Officers, the register set at 000, locked up and the key given to a Police Officer in attendance, and at 10.15 balloting commenced, the check list and ballot-box in charge of the Selectmen.

During the balloting a motion was made and passed to keep the polls open until 3 o'clock. Polls closed at 3.05. The register stood at 164. The check list was audibly counted by E. B. Stowe, one of the Selectmen, who found 165 names checked thereon. The ballots were counted from the box by the presiding Election Officer, who found 165 therein; the Ballot Clerk's check list counted 165 names checked. The count was then proceeded with by the Selectmen, with George H. Gerstle, who had been previously sworn by the Clerk, as a Supervisor, and the vote was found to be as follows:—

GOVERNOR.

Louis Albert Banks of Hyde Park, two,	2
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell, one hundred and ten,	110
John E. Russell of Leicester, forty-seven,	47
Blanks, six,	6

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

James B. Carroll of Springfield, forty-four,	44
Joseph K. Harris of Haverhill, one,	1
Henry C. Smith of Williamsburg, four,	4
Roger Wolcott of Boston, one hundred and nine,	109
Blanks, seven,	7

SECRETARY.

James W. McDonald of Marblehead, forty,	40
William M. Olin of Boston, one hundred and six,	106
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston, one,	1
Isaac W. Skinner of Waltham, three,	3
Blanks, fifteen,	15

TREASURER.

Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr., of Somerville, one,	1
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield, one hundred and nine,	109
Squire E. Putney of Somerville, one,	1
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley, forty-one,	41
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree, one,	1
Blanks, twelve,	12

AUDITOR.

Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham, two,	2
Boardman Hall of Boston, forty-one,	41
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, one hundred and five,	105
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield, one,	1
Blanks, sixteen,	16

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford, one hundred and six,	106
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell, forty-one,	41
Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford, two,	2
Conrad Reno of Boston, one,	1
Blanks, fifteen,	15

COUNCILLOR.

William Moore of Walpole, forty-four,	44
Cyrus Savage of Taunton, one hundred and five,	105
Blanks, sixteen,	16

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Jonathan Cobb of Dedham, ninety-seven,	97
Blanks, sixty-eight,	68

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Watts H. Bowker of Brookline, one hundred and ten,	110
Elliot C. Lee of Brookline, forty,	40
Blanks, fifteen,	15

SENATOR.

Robert S. Gray of Walpole, one hundred and four,	104
Timothy F. Quinn of Sharon, thirty-eight,	38
Salmon W. Squire, of Franklin, six,	6
Blanks, seventeen,	17

REPRESENTATIVES.

Alfred F. Everett of Franklin, one,	1
Clarke P. Harding of Medway, eighty-eight,	88
Timothy Ide of Medway, three,	3
Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin, thirty,	30
Henry A. Whitney of Bellingham, one hundred and twenty-eight,	128
Blanks, eighty,	80

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Yes, thirty-two,	32
No, thirty-three,	33
Blanks, one hundred,	100

The canvass and counting having been completed, the Clerk made public announcement thereof. The returns were then filled out and signed by the proper officers according to law, and sealed up in open Town meeting. The ballots cast and check list used, also the check list and unused ballots, were sealed in envelopes, endorsed by the proper officers, and delivered to the Town Clerk, when it was voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

PETITION FOR A COPY OF CHECK LIST.

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 7, 1893.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Bellingham:—

We, the undersigned legal voters in the Town of Bellingham, hereby request you to furnish us a certified copy of the check list used in the said Town at the election for State Officers, Nov. 7,1893. This request is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 175 of Chapter 417 of the Acts of the General Court for the year 1893.

WILLIAM A. McKEAN,
DELACY O. EVANS,
ORRIN CHILSON,
B. W. WOODBURY,
C. W. THAYER,
OLIVER J. FISHER,
DANIEL SULLIVAN,
C. E. WHITE,
W. E. HOWES,
GEORGE L. GERRISH.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

According to the foregoing petition, on the eighth day of November, 1893, I opened the envelope containing the check list used Nov. 7, 1893, and made a true copy, attested and signed the same, forwarded said copy to Wm. A. McKean, the first signer. I then sealed up the check list and endorsed the same according to law.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham and Norfolk, constituting the Eighth Representative District in Norfolk County:—

On the seventeenth day of November, A. D., 1893, the Town Clerks of the above named Towns met at the Town House in Franklin and examined and compared transcripts of the record of votes cast on the seventh day of November in said Towns for two Representatives in the General Court for the Eighth District in said County, and ascertained that Clarke P. Harding of Medway and Henry A. Whitney of Bellingham were duly elected, and issued certificates of their election, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, one to the Constable of Medway, and one to the Constable of Bellingham, to be served by them on said Harding and Whitney, respectively.

THE VOTE.

Alfred F. Everett of Franklin,	162
Clarke P. Harding of Medway,	1412
Timothy Ide of Medway,	96
Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin,	862
Henry A. Whitney of Bellingham,	1262
Blanks,	1205

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham,
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway,
ORESTES T. DOE, Town Clerk of Franklin,
LEWIS E. GRAY, Town Clerk of Foxborough,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham,
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This year the Town appropriated $35 for Decoration purposes, $25 of which was given to the same committee as last year. By consulting with them I find they divided it as follows:

Henry W. Pickering of Woonsocket Post, $5, Abiram W. Wales, Medway Post, $10, and James O. Richardson of Franklin Post, $10. As Mr. Richardson had ascertained that Franklin Post, if they came on Decoration Day, could come with but a small delegation on account of duties elsewhere, the proposition was made by the Committee and citizens that they come the Sunday before, as they could then come with full ranks. Accordingly on Sunday, May 28, at 2 P. M., the Franklin Post, G. A. R., arrived at the Centre Cemetery, and exercises were proceeded with as follows:—

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Rockwood; singing by the choir; patriotic speeches by members of the Post, after which the 26 graves of last year and the additional one of Warren G. White of Co. A, 16th Reg., Mass. Vol.,who died in February, 1893, were decorated.

The Post then proceeded to the cemetery at North Bellingham, and joined the Medway Post in their exercises there. The Medway Post and Sons of Veterans, and the Franklin Post arrived at the cemetery at 4 P. M., when the following exercises were proceeded with:—

Prayer by Rev. Lucian Drury, and stirring speeches by different members of the Posts; touching allusions to the death of their former Commander, George Greenwood, were made by the speakers of Medway Post. The graves of their comrades were decorated as usual, with the additional one of George Fish of Co. F, 17th Reg.. Mass. Vol., who died in 1869, and whose remains had been brought from Uxbridge for re-burial in this yard.

On the morning of May 30, Henry W. Pickering and Comrades of the Woonsocket Post visited the cemetery at Rakeville, and with appropriate services decorated the graves of five comrades buried there.

On attending the exercises at the various cemeteries last year, I found it was difficult for the Posts to identify the graves of their comrades, on account of there being so many of them unmarked by headstones. By inquiry and investigation I found the Government would furnish them headstones on application, which I immediately made for twelve. In October I received nine, which I delivered and had set as follows: One for Alexander Chase, North Bellingham cemetery. I made great effort to ascertain the Company and Regiment of Charles A. S. Barrus, buried in this yard without a headstone, but without success. In the cemetery at the Centre the graves of Warren A. Richardson, Charles H. Scott, Calvin C. Thayer, Willis Whitney and Warren G. White were furnished with stones. At Rakeville the graves of Christopher H. Schultz, Abraham England, and William H. Jillson were furnished with stones.

I received a communication from the Quartermaster-General that Moses R. Drake was buried at Newburn, N. C., National Cemetery, Grave No.1, 646,and Alvin B. Adams at Andersonville, Ga., National Cemetery, Grave No. 11,286; and that they have

stones. Joseph Osgood died at Stafford Court House, Va., in February, 1863. The Quartermaster-General says: "The records in this office do not afford any information relative to the place of burial of the within-named soldier. The Union dead were removed from Stafford Court House, Va., and that vicinity, to the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Va. Not having been identified at the time of the re-interment, the body was probably classed among the unknown."

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

Memorial Day was a day of special observance in Town, it being the first time the children have taken part as a whole. A specially arranged program was provided by the School Committee, and distributed throughout the town. Below is the program:—

The Longfellow, Webster and Whittier schools were met at the railroad station by the other schools in town, and under escort of the Bellingham brass band marched to Town Hall square, where each teacher and pupil was presented by the Town with an American flag. The line was re-formed and marched to the cemetery, where each soldier's grave was decorated by four pupils from the different schools with a wreath and flag. The line of march was then taken to the Soldiers' Monument, forming a single circle about the shaft.

Prayer by Rev. Lucian Drury.
Salute to the flag by all the children.
Selection by the band, which was well rendered.
Patriotic address by Rev. J. M. Rockwood.
Decorating the monument.

The line then formed and marched to Town Hall, where the following exercises were given:—

1.	Song—"Our Patriot Brave,"	Webster and Massey schools
2.	"Blue and the Gray,"	Leslie Fisher, Longfellow school
3.	Flag exercise by nine girls,	Whittier school
4.	Recitation—"Memorial Day,"	City school
5.	Recitation—"The Nation's Dead,"	Beaver Pond school
6.	Memorial Roll Call,	Massey school
7.	Selection,	Wilcox school
8.	Song—"Decoration Day,"	City school
9.	Selection,	Chilson school
10.	Action Piece,	Whittier school
11.	"The Children's Plan,"	Longfellow school
12.	"Meaning of the Day," George Fitzpatrick,	Webster school
13.	Recitation—"Little Patriot,"	Beaver Pond school
14.	Selection,	Chilson school
15.	Song—"Soldier's Rest,"	Webster and Massey schools
16.	Recitation—"Hurrah for the Flag," Eugene Connolly,	Longfellow school
17.	Action Piece,	Whittier school
18.	Recitation—"Our Flag," Harold Drury,	Webster school
19.	"Sleep, Comrades, Sleep," Susie E Thayer,	Massey school
20.	Selection,	Wilcox school
21.	Recitation, Ella Rockwood,	Quinobequin school
22.	Song—"America,"	All

The appearance of the schools marching with the band in lead, and all carrying the American flag, was a sight more than pleasing to the eye and to the mind. The entire exercises of the day inculcated a lesson in patriotism, of love of country, which could not be half so well impressed in any other way. It is earnestly hoped that having once begun, these exercises will be continued from year to year, as the expense is a mere pittance, while no person can measure their influence for good in the community.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1893.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 7,	Nathan Perkins Sanborn,	Nathan W. and Annie S. (Mathewson).
Jan. 21,	John Smith,	John and Ellen (Cavanaugh).
Jan. 30,	Charles J. Phillips,	Charles J. and Orinda (Rockwood).
Feb. 3,	Mary A. Kennelly,	James E. and Julia (Sullivan).
Feb. 14,	Ruth Edna Pickering,	Frank P. and Hattie A. (Darling).
Feb. 28,	Margaret Garripee,	George and Eliza (Smith).
April 11,	Ruel Scott Thayer,	L. Francis and Annie A. (Scott).
April 27,	Patrick Kiernan,	John and Katie (Mahon).
April 28,	Albert Hero,	Emily Hero.
May 11,	Edward Leon Spencer,	James A. and Emma (Adams).
May 15,	Experlder Marchant,	Joseph and Sarah (Dufresne).
June 12,	Delia Burnes,	Clifford and Olive (Countor).
June 18,	Addie E. Kennelly,	John and Adeline (Ruddy).
June 20,	Harold A. Bassett,	Alpheus and Laura A. (Horner).
July 18,	Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora E. (Warfield).
July 22,	Halsey Theodore Staples,	Hannah Staples.
July 23,	Mary McMahon,	John and Nellie (Murphy).
July 26,	Cora Hattie Holbrook,	Eugene and Hattie (Bacon).
Aug. 2,	Joseph Adams Miett,	Charles E. and Flora M. (Adams).
Aug. 13,	Cornelius Joseph Foley,	John and Eliza (Heffernan).
Aug. 2 ,	Ibelle Gertrude Osborne,	George R. and Alice A. (Clark).
Sept. 2,	Mary Smith,	Peter and Bridget (Sullivan).
Sept. 7,	Harry Webster Metcalf,	Francis P. and Nettie (Cook).
Sept. 8,	Ellis B. Lachapelle,	Arthur and Melinda (Duclos).
Sept. 13,	Lora Bruso,	Jessie and Eliza (Demerre).
Sept. 20,	Alexander Bruno,	George H. A. and Mary (Zollinger).
Oct. 19,	Horace Garno,	Joseph and Phebe (Marchant).
Nov. 3,	Amariah Ray Staples,	George A. and Etta S. (Bethel).
Nov. 6,	Earl Oliver Baznett,	Oliver and Georgianna (Hero).
Nov. 8,	Lepold.	Morris and Pauline (Krufoe).
Nov. 14,	Jennie Ella Desmond,	Patrick and Johanna (Kennedy).
Nov. 16,	Agnes Elvira Delabar,	Victor and Maggie (Evans).
Nov. 19,	Bruce Robbins,	Herbert and Mary I. (Read).
Nov. 24,	Robert Edgar Colburn,	Edgar E. and Grace (Cross).
Dec. 20,	Alice May Hamlin, (Twins.	Eugene and Jennie (Wheeler).
Dec. 20,	Jennie May Hamlin,)	Eugene and Jennie (Wheeler).
Dec. 21,	Edith Rockwood,	Edward E. and Hattie A. (Osgood).
Dec. 28,	Brown,	Comfort F. and Nettie E. (Wells).
Jan. 5, 1892,	Freddie Marchant,	Joseph and Sarah (Dufresne).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1893.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
March 9,	George R. Marsh,	25	Springfield,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Elizabeth C. McCormic,	21	Worcester,	
March 12,	Walter H. Thayer,	21	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Edith A. Clark,	19	Bellingham,	
April 19,	Patrick Allen,	21	Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
	Maggie Foley,	24	Bellingham,	
April 30,	Horace M. Grant,	20	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Susie A. Metcalf,	19	Bellingham,	
May 30,	Milo A. Gaskill,	30	Mendon,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Ethel M. Cook,	19	Bellingham,	
May 31,	Henry C. Bennett,	32	Franklin,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Lillie M. Fownce,	26	Franklin,	
June 13,	Francis McGourty,	22	Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
	Nora Murphy,	25	Bellingham,	
June 25,	Joseph Desmond,	23	Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
	Nellie Leahy,	23	Bellingham,	
July 20,	John Allen,	25	Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
	Maggie Mahon,	25	Bellingham,	
Aug. 1,	James L. Graves,	33	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Lizzie A. Williams,	21	Bellingham,	
Aug. 8,	William C. Kenyon,	25	East Providence,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Eva G. Wilson,	19	Bellingham,	
Sept. 20,	Robert Desmond,	28	Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
	Etta Cary,	24	Bellingham,	
Oct. 14,	Samuel Metcalf,	22	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Annie B. Wheeler,	25	Bellingham,	
Dec. 25,	Jasper B. Spraul,	22	Bellingham,	Rev. William S. Jagger.
	Ethel M. Spencer,	18	Bellingham,	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1893.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 2,	John Nugent,	60			Pneumonia.
Jan. 10,	Ellen R. Harvey,	55			Cancer of Stomach.
Jan. 23,	Emery Chilson,	69	4	14	Congestion of Lungs.
Feb. 10,	Charles Tingley.	82	3	22	Heart Disease.
Feb. 12.	Milton Z. Bullard,	67	7	24	Brain clot.
Feb. 15,	Grover A. Colburn,	1	2	5	Congestion of Lungs.
Feb. 15,	William G. White,	61		21	Fibroid Phthisic.
Feb. 21,	Iolia M Robbins,	7	11	7	Pneumonia.
March 3,	Mary A. Kennelly,			28	Spina Bifida.
April 2,	Jacob Jackson,	90			Dropsy of Heart.
April 6,	Ruth Edna Pickering,		1	22	Whooping Cough.
April 22,	Julia A Adams,	73	7	5	Valvular Disease of the Heart.
April 28,	Ellen Kennedy,	60			Pneumonia.
April 28,	Elizabeth A. Barbour,	73			Congestion.
May 19,	John S. Eggleston,	32	4	2	Pneumonia.
June 6,	Nora L. Murphy,	10	4	3	
June 21,	Addie E. Kennelly,			3	Debility.
June 24,	John W. Messier,		7	4	Cholera Infantum.
July 6,	John Kennelly,	35			Pneumonia.
Sept. 9,	Frank E. Sherman,	31	7	3	Suicide by shooting, resulting in inflammation.
Sept. 21,	Sally A. Adams,	87	11	23	Apoplexy.
Sept. 29,	Donia Dube,		4	8	Inflammation of Lungs.
Oct. 2,	Jane L. Townsend,	75	5	25	Pneumonia.
Oct. 20,	Angeline C. Bicknell,	70	6	18	Cancer.
Nov. 5,	Fitzpatrick,				Still-born.
Nov. 10,	Michael Conniff,	56			Gangrene of Lungs.
Nov. 13,	Lepold,			3	Chills.
Nov. 19,	Brutie Robbins,		8 hours		Premature birth.
Nov. 25,	Ruth M. Whitney,	80	6	9	Apoplexy.
Dec. 10,	Sophia Wood,	76			Heart Disease.
Dec. 13,	Alcia W. Brown,	84	5		Old Age.
Dec. 20,	Alice May Hamlin (Twins		15 minutes		Debility.
Dec. 20,	Jennie May Hamlin)		15 minutes		Debility.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen submit the following report:—

Bellingham having changed but very little in the past twenty-five years, there is no chance for an extended report that would be interesting or profitable. The history of last year is much the same as the preceding years.

The Town has not suffered so much from the general business depression that extends all over the country as some others; still it will be well in making appropriations for the coming year to bear the fact in mind that times are very hard, and likely to continue so for some time to come, and to base our expenditures on what we can afford, and not on what we want.

The Town appropriated $600 last spring to build a road near the Centre. It was found after investigation that the road would cost much more than that sum; so the Selectmen have taken the course of safety and done nothing with that appropriation.

It was hoped that the Town debt would be extinguished this year, but several unexpected bills have had to be paid, and so our hope is deferred. It has cost the Town for Willard O. Freeman, under Chap. 447 of the Acts of 1890, $506.05, with some more still to pay.

We notice, in making up the report, that some of the Town officers have exceeded their appropriations. We hope the Town will enter a vigorous protest against that way of doing business.

Following are the expenditures in detail:—

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid George E. Aldrich, teaching,	$362 00		
Agnes M. Blanchard, "	366 00		
M. A. Billings, "	350 00		
Agnes M. Grant, "	327 00		
Eva F. Warfield, "	289 00		
Carrie E. Daniels, "	289 00		
Lillian Hodder, "	190 00		
Carrie L. Thayer, "	97 00		
Grace A. Smith, "	90 00		
Catherine Meagher, "	120 00		
R. M. Morgan, "	110 50		
Marion E. Howe, "	289 00		
			$2,879 50
William Desmond, care of schoolhouse,	$4 10		
Augusta M. Gerstle, "	3 00		
Lloyd Thayer, "	10 00		
Charles Hixon, "	4 00		
Susie Thayer, "	5 00		
Albert Aldrich, "	6 00		

E. W. Woodbury, cleaning well,	$ 3 00	
Albert Aldrich, " vaults,	2 00	
Hiram Cook, " school yard,	1 00	
		$38 10

FUEL.

Paid L. F. Thayer, coal and wood,	$43 25	
J. E. Camp, wood,	33 75	
E. W. Woodbury, wood,	6 50	
Albert Aldrich, coal and wood,	37 75	
Olney J. Chilson, wood,	2 25	
Proctor P. Cook, wood,	2 50	
H. A. Barney, coal,	8 14	
Ray Woolen Co., coal,	10 50	
Alex Gardipie, cutting wood,	1 25	
James W. Warfield, cutting wood,	3 00	
		$148 89
Total expenditure,		$3,066 49
Appropriation and school income,		2,990 55
Exceeded appropriation,		$75 94

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid American Book Co.,	$21 03	
Edward E. Babb,	65 09	
Lee & Shepard,	25 85	
		$111 97
Appropriation,		200 00
Unexpended,		$88 03

SCHOOL FURNITURE.

Paid U. S. School Furniture Co., seats and desks for Longfellow school,	$135 58	
S. A. Greenwood, setting seats for Longfellow school,	18 00	
U. S. School Furniture Co., seats and desks for Massey school,	117 79	
Olney J. Chilson, setting seats and desks,	7 25	
		$273 62

No appropriation.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid N. W. Sanborn,	$25 01	
L. F. Thayer,	1 78	
Albert Aldrich,	31 86	
E. B. Stowe, freight and supplies,	12 47	
Silver, Burdett & Co., music chart,	16 68	

King & Merrill,	$27 90	
George R. Drake,	4 36	
E. Grant,	3 64	
J. L. Hammett,	44 43	
Francis Metcalf,	3 90	
		$172 03
Appropriation,		200 00
Unexpended,		$27 97

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid H. A. Barney, shingles,	$16 25	
Albert G. Burr, labor and lumber,	12 31	
Ruel A. Rockwood, labor,	15 50	
Ralph Ferry, "	1 50	
Albert Aldrich, "	6 28	
S. A. Greenwood, lumber,	18 00	
F. J. Bemis, labor,	45 87	
Michael Carey, labor,	6 75	
		$122 46
Appropriation,		100 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$22 46

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. F. Thayer, Treasurer, Selectman and Registrar to March 1, '93,	$80 68	
Orrin Chilson, Selectman and Registrar to March 1, '93,	28 00	
Wm. A. McKean, Selectman and Registrar to March 1, '93,	26 00	
Seneca Burr, Assessor, examining titles, to March 1, '94,	48 65	
Orville C. Rhodes, Assessor to March 1, '94,	28 75	
Warren E. Fairbanks, Overseer of Poor, to April 1, '93,	51 25	
George A. Crooks, Overseer of Poor to March 1, '93,	15 00	
Seneca Burr, Overseer of Poor to March 1, '93,	15 00	
Carroll E. White, Overseer of Poor to March 1, '94,	15 00	
Henry A. Whitney, Constable to March 1, '93,	13 75	
Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk to Feb. 1, '93,	59 18	
Henry A. Whitney, Truant Officer to March 1, '93,	5 00	

B. W. Woodbury, Constable to March 1, '93,	$ 5 00	
Charles Griffin, Constable to March 1, '93,	5 00	
Delacy O. Evans, " "	5 00	
E. Grant, Auditor, to March 1, '93,	10 00	
N. W. Sanborn, School Committee to March 1, '93,	110 00	
R. G. Fairbanks, services and expenses to March 1, '93, by vote of Town,	30 00	
Carroll E. White, Cattle inspector to March 1, '94,	19 00	
Ballot Clerks and Supervisors,	5 25	
		$575 51
Appropriation,		500 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$75 51

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid 20 Overseers' orders,	$1,943 53
Appropriation,	1,800 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$143 53

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings, printing,	$102 00
Appropriation,	100 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$2 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid V. B. Rockwood,	$32 78	
Orrin Chilson,	16 70	
		$49 48
Appropriation,		50 00
Unexpended,		$ 52

DECORATION DAY.

Paid James O. Richardson,	$25 00	
R. G. Fairbanks,	10 00	
L. F. Thayer,	7 00	
		$42 00
Appropriation,		35 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$7 00

FIRE WARDENS.

Paid Amos D. Crooks,	$14 80	
Henry A. Whitney,	5 50	
		$20 30

No appropriation.

TRAMPS.

Paid Henry A. Whitney, care of tramps,		$33 16

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Paid L. F. Thayer,	$10 13	
Thomas H. Dwyer, painting and lettering,	40 60	
M. J. Connolly,	10 16	
		$60 89
Appropriation,		30 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$30 89

UNDER CHAP. 447, ACTS OF 1890.

Paid Martin V. Tingley,	$ 28 80	
Willard O. Freeman,	506 05	
		$534 85
Appropriation,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$334 85

HIGHWAYS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner:—			
4 horses on road machine, 35 hours,			$ 19 25
2 horses on cart,	543	"	135 75
L. F. Thayer, labor,	266	"	46 55
L. Whitney,	284	"	42 60
H. Cook,	374	"	56 10
F. Gay,	232½	"	34 88
G. Gerrish,	303½	"	45 53
C. Marble,	187	"	28 05
S. Snodgrass,	53	"	7 95
B. Chilson,	85	"	12 75
G. Osborne,	124	"	18 60
J. Gerstle,	214	"	32 10
A. Hancock,	87	"	13 05
W. Thayer,	10	"	1 50
Victor Nadeau,	15	"	2 25
J. Buckley, 410 loads gravel,			16 40
G. Jenningson, 132 "			5 28
Mrs. Bates, 161 "			6 44
R. F. Thayer, 97 "			3 88
Dynamite and fuse,			1 50
Sharpening tools,			1 85
2 rakes,			1 00
			$533 26

Paid M. J. Connolly, Road Commissioner:—			
M. J. Connolly,	378 hours,	$ 66 15	
John Lynch,	146 "	21 90	
D. O'Rourke,	166 "	24 90	
Chas. McGotta,	138 "	20 70	
John Gormley,	123 "	18 45	
Silas Read,	118 "	17 70	
Ed. O'Brien,	115 "	17 25	
James Burnett,	71 "	10 65	
Nelson Warren,	58 "	8 70	
Colburn Kelley,	55 "	8 25	
Robert McGuire,	46 "	6 90	
Henry Karle,	40 "	6 00	
George Miller,	85 "	12 75	
Alonzo Martin,	20 "	3 00	
John Murphy,	18 "	2 70	
John Cushing,	18 "	2 70	
Walter Thayer,	10 "	1 50	
John A. Fuller,	10 "	1 50	
Francis McGuire,	10 "	1 50	
John McGill,	10 "	1 50	
M. J. Connolly, 1 pair horses, 698 hours,		174 50	
Francis Metcalf, 569 loads gravel,		17 07	
Jennison, 92 "		3 68	
M. Naughton, 81 "		3 24	
			$453 19
Paid S. E. Scott, Road Commissioner:—			
S. E. Scott,	152 hours labor,	$ 26 62	
W. B. Scott,	89 "	13 35	
P. Gunnigan,	243 "	36 45	
W. B. Wilcox,	21 "	3 15	
Fred Rhodes,	112 "	16 80	
Napoleon Monte,	21 "	3 15	
George Crooks,	127 "	19 05	
Edward Cundy,	100 "	15 00	
Henry Dukes,	152 "	22 80	
Jas. Crowninshield,	198 "	29 70	
John Allen,	20 "	3 00	
Chas. Portilance,	20 "	3 00	
Palan Chaupau,	20 "	3 00	
Joseph Berette,	10 "	1 50	
Alexander Vanace,	10 "	1 50	
Charles Jacobs,	10 "	1 50	
W. Wight,	21½ "	3 23	
A. G. Mowry,	25 "	3 75	
Ernest Mowry,	44 "	6 60	
William Burroughs,	10 "	1 50	
Isaac Brothers,	44 "	6 60	
Stephen Brothers,	20 "	3 00	
Alfred Freshet,	44 "	6 60	

Thomas Parker,	29 hours labor,	$ 4 35	
William Founier,	29 "	4 35	
John Benway,	34 "	5 10	
S.E.Scott, 2 horses,	448½ "	112 13	
P. Allen, 37 one-horse, 28 two-horse loads gravel,		1 86	
C. Mason, 153 one-horse, 72 two-horse loads gravel,		5 94	
B. W.Woodbury, 42 1-horse loads gravel,		84	
			$365 42

Snow Bills.

Paid W. A. Burr:—			
Willie Wales,	63 hours,	$12 60	
Patrick Connolly,	47 "	9 40	
Albert Aldrich,	25 "	5 00	
C. W. Aldrich,	25 "	5 00	
E. Migneault,	15 "	3 00	
Olney J. Chilson,	15 "	3 00	
B. O. Chilson,	10½ "	2 10	
J. S. Thompson,	7½ "	1 50	
Henry S. Fiske,	11 "	2 20	
Clifton Trask,	18 "	3 60	
Alva Trask,	15 "	3 00	
Charles Phillips,	16 "	3 20	
Fred Rhodes,	35 "	7 00	
George Crooks,	33 "	6 60	
Charlie Crooks,	33 "	6 60	
Hiram Crooks,	28 "	5 60	
Charles Smith,	56 "	11 20	
E. Bartlett,	51 "	10 20	
Fred Alkern,	31 "	6 20	
Stephen Scott and men,		27 20	
W. A. Burr, 2 horses 31 hours,		7 75	
W. A. Burr, 4 horses 27 hours,		13 50	
W. A. Burr and horse,		5 00	
			$160 45

Paid M. J. Connolly,	58 hours,	$11 60	
Patrick O'Neil,	63 "	12 60	
John Foley,	18 "	3 60	
William Wales,	19 "	3 80	
Varnum Rockwood,	41½ "	8 30	
Ruel Rockwood,	41½ "	8 30	
J. Gibson,	50 "	10 00	
W. E. Howes,	57½ "	11 50	
Eugene Hamlin,	7 "	1 40	
Walter Thayer,	9 "	1 80	
Oliver Gardner,	3 "	60	
Martin Tingley,	5 "	1 00	

William Libbey,	3 hours,	$ 60	
Stephen Burns,	8 "	1 60	
E. H. Davis,	8 "	1 60	
Charles Miett,	2 "	40	
John Fuller,	7 "	1 40	
Charles Partridge,	14½ "	2 90	
William Coombs,	21 "	4 20	
Michael Smith,	15 "	3 00	
Addison Burr,	10 "	2 00	
Silas Read,	2½ "	50	
Franklin Adams,	4 "	80	
Frank Adams,	1 "	20	
E. W. Woodbury,	48 "	7 70	
Charles F. Davis,	24 "	4 80	
Edwin H. Tingley,	42 "	6 30	
Charles Hixon,	6 "	60	
George Fitzpatrick,	9 "	90	
Alfred Brown,	11 "	1 10	
George Brown,	4 "	40	
M. J. Connolly, 2 horses, 131 hours,		34 95	
			$150 45
Paid L. F. Thayer,	46 hours,	$9 20	
S. Snodgrass,	23½ "	4 70	
A. Hancock,	45 "	9 00	
F. Gay,	49 "	9 80	
G. Gerrish,	33 "	6 60	
Frenchman,	20 "	4 00	
V. B. Rockwood,	7 "	1 40	
Ruel A. Rockwood,	6 "	1 20	
L. F. Thayer, 2 horses, 87¾ hours,		21 95	
			$67 85
Paid S. E. Scott,	33 hours,	$7 43	
Charles Crooks,	7 "	1 40	
Ed. McQuade,	33 "	6 60	
Willard Wilcox,	23 "	4 60	
George Crooks,	24 "	4 80	
Fred Rhodes,	24½ "	4 90	
Orlando Cook,	20 "	4 00	
Edward Cundy,	5 "	1 00	
P. Gunnigan,	13 "	2 60	
Willie B. Scott,	5 "	1 00	
Albee Trask,	6½ "	1 30	
Clifton Trask,	6 "	1 20	
S. E. Scott, 2 horses, 17½ hours,		8 25	
			$49 08

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid L. F. Thayer's bill:—		
For lumber and spikes,	$31 20	
For labor,	10 88	

Paid M. J. Connolly's bill:—		
For lumber and spikes,	$ 7 33	
For labor,	3 75	
		$ 53 16
Appropriation,		100 00
Unexpended,		$46 84

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Wm. A. McKean, attending hearings of Charles River Imp. in Boston,	$ 4 00	
V. B. Rockwood, repair of hearse,	8 08	
N. W. Sanborn, vaccination,	65 00	
Proctor P. Cook, watering tub,	5 00	
E. D. Wilcox, "	5 00	
Orrin Chilson, moving bound,	1 00	
Henry A. Whitney, distributing circulars for school meeting,	4 00	
		$ 92 08
Appropriation,		200 00
Unexpended,		$107 92

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expended.
Teaching schools, care of schoolhouses and fuel,	$2,990 55	$3,066 49
School books,	200 00	111 97
School furniture,		273 62
School supplies,	200 00	172 03
Repairs of Town buildings,	100 00	122 46
Town officers,	500 00	575 51
Support of poor,	1,800 00	1,943 53
Printing,	100 00	102 00
Cemeteries,	50 00	49 48
Decoration Day,	35 00	42 00
Fire wardens,		20 30
Tramps,		33 16
Guide-boards,	30 00	60 89
Chapter 447, Acts 1890,	200 00	534 85
Highways,	1,800 00	1,779 70
Bridges and railings,	100 00	53 16
Miscellaneous,	200 00	92 08
	$8,305 55	$9,033 23

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1894.

Support of schools,	$2,000 00
School books,	100 00
School supplies,	150 00
Support of poor,	1,300 00
Repair of highways,	1,200 00
Repair of bridges and railings,	100 00
Repair of Town buildings,	100 00
Interest on Town debt,	100 00
Repair of cemeteries,	50 00
Repair of guide-boards,	10 00
Printing,	100 00
For Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	200 00
Decoration Day,	35 00
Town officers,	550 00
Care of tramps,	25 00
Fire wardens,	10 00
Miscellaneous,	200 00

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Bellingham, Feb. 7, 1894.

I have audited above Selectmen's report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS.

Support of schools,	$2,300 00	
School fixtures and supplies,	200 00	
School books,	200 00	
Highways,	1,800 00	
Bridges and railings,	100 00	
Guideboards,	30 00	
Support of poor,	1,800 00	
Chapter 447, Acts of 1890,	200 00	
Town buildings,	100 00	
Miscellaneous,	200 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Interest on Town debt,	200 00	
Town officers,	500 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Surplus revenue,	165 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Decoration Day,	35 00	
For new road,	600 00	
State tax,	750 00	
County tax,	641 81	
Overlayings,	203 38	
		$10,675 19

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from last year,	$ 863 45	
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	333 55	
National Bank tax,	101 56	
Corporation tax,	1 60	
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	44 00	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	271 00	
Dog tax,	192 00	
C. Fairbanks, collector, 1892 taxes in full,	1,228 34	
C. Fairbanks, collector, 1893 taxes,	8,906 99	
H. A. Whitney, Town House receipts,	24 00	
		$11,966 49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 179 Selectmen's orders,	$9,033 23	
State tax,	750 00	
County tax,	641 81	
State aid, Chap 301, Acts 1889,	396 00	
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	96 00	
Abated taxes, 1892,	33 34	
Principal on Town notes,	1,100 00	
Interest on Town note,	139 02	
Postage and stationery,	5 00	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Sarah Holbrook cemetery lot,	6 33	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Benedict cemetery lot,	2 86	
V.B.Rockwood,labor on Abigail Eaton cemetery lot,	1 75	
C. Fairbanks, Collector's salary 1892,	96 46	
H. A. Whitney, Town House expenses,	21 29	
C. Fairbanks, printer's bill,	4 00	
		$12,327 09
Total receipts,		11,966 49
Expenditures exceed receipts,		$360 60

LIABILITIES.

Three outstanding notes,	$1,722 00	
Due Town Treasurer,	360 00	
Due Town Officers,	400 00	
		$2,482 00

ASSETS.

Due from State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	$ 66 00	
Due from Military Aid,Chap.279,Acts 1889,	12 00	
Due from Collector Fairbanks, 1893 tax,	1,768 20	
		$1,846 00
Town debt,		$636 00

CEMETERY FUND HELD IN TRUST.

Benedict fund,	$48 36	
Expended,	2 86	
		$45 50
A. P. Eaton fund,	$57 67	
Expended,	1 75	
		$55 92

S. B. Holbrook fund,	$115 52	
Expended,	6 33	
		$109 19
E. Barbour fund,		31 92
		$242 53

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Receipts.

Cash on hand from last year,		$ 98 09
From R. G. Fairbanks, trial justice:—		
Complaint No. 389,	$10 00	
Complaint No. 390,	10 00	
Complaint No. 416,	5 00	
Complaint No. 426,	6 00	
		$31 00
From N. A. Cook, trial justice:—		
Complaint No. 373,	$100 00	
Complaint No. 375,	3 50	
		$103 50
		$232 59

Expenses.

R. G. Fairbanks, trial justice:—		
Complaint No. 343, Officer Evans,	$3 16	
Complaint No. 346, " Evans,	3 44	
Complaints No. 378 to 382, Officer Macy,	7 58	
Complaints No. 389 and 390, " Evans,	2 86	
Complaints No. 416 to 420 " Evans,	21 59	
Complaints No. 422 to 426, " Evans,	7 99	
Complaint No. 431, Officer Macy,	2 00	
Complaint No. 465, " Evans,	2 46	
		$51 08
N. A. Cook, trial justice:—		
Complaints Nos. 371 to 375 inclusive, Officer Whitney,	$31 20	
Complaint No. 378, Officer Whitney,	2 66	
		$ 33 86
Cash on hand,		147 65
		$232 59

R. F. THAYER, Town Treasurer.

I have audited the Town Treasurer's report, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Selectmen's report shows the manner in which we have expended the money appropriated by the Town for highways, bridges, railings, and guide-boards. The guide-boards are in good condition.

L. F. THAYER,
S. E. SCOTT,
M. J. CONNOLLY,
Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present the following report:—

There are at present only five inmates at the Almshouse. There have been two deaths the past year, viz., Charles W. Tingley, died Feb. 10, 1893, and Miss Mary C. Davis, Jan. 21, 1894.

June 29, 1893, Joseph Cross was taken from the Worcester Hospital to the Almshouse and remained there till Oct. 6, when his daughter had leave to take him home with her, she agreeing to give him a permanent home, where he appears to be getting along all right. It will be seen at a glance that the Town will save the expense of $169 a year if he remains there. He more than earned his board while he was at the Farm. At present there is only one at the Hospital, Milton Holbrook.

The Almshouse has been visited and thoroughly examined by one of the State Inspectors, who found it, as usual, in a neat and good condition.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1894.

Dr.

To cash received from Town Treasurer,	$1,934 78	
Receipts from Town Farm,	933 47	
		$2,868 25

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By expenditures at Town Farm,	$2,080 92	
Salary of E. W. Woodbury, Jan. 1, '93 to Jan. 1, '94,	462 50	
Outside aid,	265 29	
G. A. Crooks, traveling expenses, postage and stationery,	18 76	
W. E. Fairbanks, advertising and postage,	9 30	
C. E. White, traveling expenses,	1 88	
George Nelson, traveling expenses,	1 88	
		$2,840 53

Cash on hand,	$ 27 72
Total,	$2,868 25
Amount drawn from Town Treasurer,	$1,934 78
Town appropriation,	1,800 00
Balance overdrawn,	$134 78

OUTSIDE AID.

Milton F. Holbrook, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	$169 46
Joseph Cross, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	95 83
	$265 29
Bills receivable. Ties estimated,	$340 00
Feb. 1, '93 to Feb. 1, '94, 151 tramps,	$33 16

374 weeks' board at the Almshouse.

The average age of the five inmates is 69 years.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1894.

Farm Receipts.

To cash from Overseers,	$1,147 45	
Beef and veal,	78 28	
Breaking roads,	8 90	
Cabbages,	7 83	
Cattle,	332 50	
Celery,	1 25	
Horses,	137 50	
Milk and eggs,	17 78	
Milk to milk car,	96 56	
Onions,	29 00	
Onion seed,	1 25	
Pigs,	45 50	
Posts,	4 50	
Potatoes,	11 40	
Red top,	1 18	
Rent of pasture,	13 00	
Wheel harrow,	5 00	
Wood,	142 04	
		$2,080 92

Farm Expenditures.

Advertising pigs,	$ 1 00	Grain,	$260 44
Ammonia,	63	Hardware and farm supplies,	51 64
Apples,	5 70	Harrow,	25 27
Ashes,	12 00	Hay,	32 25
Baking powder,	1 40		

Blacksmithing, repairs, wheels and whips,	$ 93 72
Bluing,	63
Boots, shoes and rubbers,	22 50
Brooms and brushes,	1 70
Butter,	46 85
Candy and oranges,	55
Canned corn,	24
Canned peaches,	1 70
Celery and tomato plants,	19 83
Cheese,	13 80
Chimneys, wicks and burners,	1 25
Chocolate,	1 18
Chopping wood and ties,	153 88
Cleaning wells,	3 00
Clothes line,	35
Coal,	20 20
Coal tar,	25
Cocoanut,	15
Coffee,	12 91
Copperas,	42
Corn starch,	58
Crackers,	13 59
Cream of tartar,	3 35
Curtains and fixtures,	2 50
Cuticura,	2 70
Dry goods,	49 68
Dr. Martin, veterinary services,	3 00
Dr. Sanborn, medical attendance,	8 00
Extract Jamaica ginger,	65
Extract lemon,	25
Extract root beer,	2 15
Extract vanilla,	50
Fertilizer,	107 80
Filing saws,	1 10
Fish, lobsters, oysters and clams,	23 17
Flour,	49 00
Fly paper,	05
Funeral expenses,	47 50
Gazette,	1 25
Gelatine,	30
Graham,	2 85
Grinding and sawing, in with '91 and '92 bills,	$ 21 62
Hired help,	$248 90
Horse,	200 00
Kerosene oil,	7 8
Lemons,	3 2
Lumber,	11 0
Matches,	1 3
Meat, pork and lard,	148 4
Mustard,	5
Nutmeg,	5
Oat meal,	5
Paint and paper,	14 4
Pepper,	6
Pills, powders and salts,	7
Pipes,	1 3
P. O. box-rent,	1
Potatoes,	25 9
Prunes,	5
Quinces,	1 7
Raisins,	2 6
Red bottle and witch hazel,	5
Rice, rolled oats and rolled wheat,	2 7
Repairs on clock,	1 0
Saleratus,	1 1
Salt,	11 2
Salve,	4
Seeds,	28 4
Shaving soap,	2
Soap, soapine and Gold Dust,	8 7
Sour milk,	1 7
Starch,	1
Stationery,	6
Stock,	144 5
Stove polish,	2
Strawberries,	4
Sugar,	38 7
Sulphur,	0
Syrup,	5
Sylvester horse on road,	1 7
Tapioca,	3
Tea,	15 9
Tobacco,	16 6
Use of fanning mill,	1
Use of boar,	2 0
Vaseline,	9
Washing,	1 5
Yeast cakes,	2 9
Total,	$2080 9

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM,

APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 3, 1894.

Estimated value of land and buildings,	$3,000 00
Household goods, not elsewhere mentioned,	200 00
3 cows and 7 heifers,	200 00
20 tons English hay,	360 00
Corn-fodder and rowen,	30 00
Meadow hay,	10 00
2 horses,	300 00
2 iron rakes,	50
4 shoats,	32 00
9 hoes,	3 00
Jockey stick,	2 00
8 shovels and spade,	2 00
5 manure forks,	2 00
6 hand rakes,	75
2 flails and 1 pick,	75
1 mattock,	1 25
Tackle and blocks,	5 00
3 pitch-forks,	1 00
4 bags meal,	4 00
Cob-meal,	4 50
Air-slacked lime,	50
9 chains,	5 50
64 hens,	38 40
2-horse cart,	85 00
2-horse express wagon,	90 00
2-horse wagon,	95 00
2 plows,	10 00
1-horse hoe,	7 00
1-horse rake,	20 00
1 horse tedder,	25 00
New mowing machine,	40 00
Old mowing machine,	3 00
3½ bags fertilizer,	6 00
4 scythes and snaths,	3 00
Lumber,	5 00
Barbed wire,	2 00
Shingles,	2 00
Beans,	1 00
Farm-wagon,	50 00
New Morgan spading harrow,	25 00
2-horse scraper,	5 00
2 ladders and hook,	4 00
Coal,	$ 7 00
Carpenters' tools,	8 00
Old iron,	50
4 wheelbarrows,	7 00
2 wheels and 1 axle,	3 00
2 harrows,	4 00
1 cultivator,	3 00
1 set double harnesses,	20 00
Parts of 2 single harnesses,	8 00
4 horse blankets,	4 00
3 surcingles,	1 00
Brushes,	25
2 baskets,	25
2 saws,	75
7 cords stove wood,	24 00
Feed trough and plaster smoother,	2 00
Hay-cutter,	7 00
Cross-cut saw,	2 00
Wagon-jack,	1 25
Grain cradle,	2 50
Iron bar,	1 25
3 pairs ice-tongs,	2 50
Hay knife,	2 00
Hewing axe,	2 25
Seed-sower,	10 00
815 ties,	340 00
18 cords chestnut wood,	45 00
30 cords oak wood,	105 00
3 cords maple wood,	10 50
Stove,	10 00
Stove,	3 00
40 bushels potatoes,	34 00
32 bushels small potatoes,	12 80
3 bbls. wurtzels,	3 00
1 bbl. beets,	2 00
200 heads cabbage,	13 00
2 bbls. French turnips,	3 00
Carrots,	50
Onions,	6 00
Pork,	13 50
Ham and shoulders,	4 00
Soap grease,	2 00
7 casks vinegar,	30 00
Lincoln creamer and cans,	15 00

Grindstone,	$ 6 00	Churn,	$7 00
Hay rack,	1 00	Pails,	2 00
2-horse sled,	50 00	Hose,	5 00
Corn on the ear,	35 00	Meat bench,	1 00
10 bushels rye,	9 00	Flour,	3 00
4 hand drills,	1 00	Sugar,	1 00
4 jumpers,	1 25	Butter,	1 60
Breaking hammer,	1 25	Lard,	2 50
Drilling hammer,	1 25	Tobacco,	1 65
Small pean hammer,	1 00	Spices,	1 00
2 lbs. paris green,	50	Tea,	7 50
2 axes,	75	Wash boilers,	3 00
2 cranberry rakes,	2 50	9 hand-grenades,	7 62
Hand-cuffs,	5 00	Ice-saw,	4 50
Whiffletrees and evener,	2 25		
12 bushels oats,	5 40	Total,	$5,631 97
Stone drag,	4 50		

GEORGE A. CROOKS,
CARROLL WHITE,
GEORGE NELSON.
Overseers of the Poor.

I have audited the above Report of Overseers, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Considering the change in the business conditions of the people of this Town, I think the tax-payers generally have met their liabilities with commendable promptness. The poll taxes have generally been paid in accordance with the requirements of the Town, consequently there are less abatements. In consequence of the larger appropriations and the depression in business, there is a larger balance due the Treasurer carried forward than last year by about $575.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, Collector,
In account with the Town of Bellingham.

Dr.

To balance due Treasurer, Feb. 3, 1893,	$ 1,192 33	
Appropriations, 1893,	10,675 19	
Additional poll taxes, 1893,	6 00	
Interest collected,	30 01	
		$11,903 53

Cr.

By abatements, 1892,	$ 33 34	
Interest collected,	30 01	
Commission,	96 46	
Cash paid Treasurer,	9,975 52	
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 5, 1894,	1,768 20	
		$11,903 53

CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Collector of Taxes.

Statistics from Assessors' Books.

Total valuation,		$685,565
Personal,	$130,105	
Real,	$555,460	
Number of polls,		367
" horses,		278
" cows,		432
" swine,		22
" dwelling houses,		313½
" acres of land,		10,972½
Rate of tax per $1000,		$14.50

SENECA BURR,
O. C. RHODES,
WM. A. McKEAN,
Assessors of Bellingham.

Report of the Cemetery Committee.

The Cemetery Committee submit the following report :—

FUNDS IN TRUST.

Aug. 1, 1893, Benedict fund,	$48 36	
Expended,	2 86	
		$45 50
June 29, 1893, Abigail P. Eaton fund,	$57 67	
Expended,	1 75	
		$55 92
Oct. 29, 1893, Sarah B. Holbrook fund,	$115 52	
Expended,	6 33	
		$109 19
Feb. 18, 1893, Elizabeth Barbour fund,		$31 92
The Town appropriated for repairs in the cemeteries for the year 1893,		$50 00
We have expended the following sums :—		
At North Bellingham cemetery,	$16 62	
Centre, "	16 16	
South Bellingham "	16 70	
		$49 48
Unexpended,		$ 52

FRANCIS METCALF,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
ORRIN CHILSON,
Cemetery Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1893-94.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1894.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
1893-4.

RUFUS G. FAIRBANKS, Chairman,	Term expires 1894.
NATHAN W. SANBORN, M.D., Superintendent,	" 1895.
ALBERT A. ALDRICH,	" 1896.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham:—

The School Committee, according to legislative requirement, present the following report of the condition and needs of our public schools:—

During the year since the last report was presented there have been few changes in our corps of teachers. This has been fortunate for the town. Constant changes in the teaching force are costly changes in more ways than one. George E. Aldrich and Agnes M. Blanchard at the North school, Marion E. Howe at Crimpville, Mamie A. Billings at the Centre, Carrie E. Daniels at Chilson Hill, Eva F. Warfield at the Wilcox, and Agnes M. Grant at the Brick schoolhouse—seven teachers—have done faithful and successful work throughout the entire year. At Beaver Pond, Clara L. Thayer taught the spring term to the entire satisfaction of the Board, and during the summer received a call to Hopedale at a larger salary than we could pay. She was succeeded by Lillian E. Hodder of Blackstone, who during the last two terms has done good service.

At the Longfellow School there have been three teachers—Catherine T. Meagher the first term, Grace Smith the second, and Rufina M. Morgan the third. Miss Morgan in the one term she has labored with us has shown herself equal to the position, and we trust she will continue with us the coming year.

In text-books two changes have been made: Blaisdell's Physiologies in place of Smith's, and Barnes' Geographies have succeeded the old Warren. These changes complete the list of new text-books as planned by your committee some time ago. The addition of several new reading-books and some provision for drawing will make more nearly perfect the printed helps of our schools.

A small outlay has been made for material for busy work, but only a beginning, as there is urgent need for a larger supply of articles for this important line in modern teaching. Writing has been more thoroughly taught this year than ever before, and with

better results than were looked for at the commencement of the year.

We call your attention to the report of the Special Committee on School Improvement. While the members of the School Board are not in perfect agreement as to the real needs of our boys and girls, yet they are sure that the special report will bear careful and thoughtful consideration.

We wish to recall to your minds the following extract from the report of 1891:—"The committee hope that the citizens of this district [Quinobequin] will soon ask to have this school put with the Massey and in this way have as good a graded school as we now have at North Bellingham. This change would add to the educational advantages of this town, and at no extra cost."

Early in the year we had printed blanks for teachers' monthly reports to the School Committee, as follows:—

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM.

PROPERTY REPORT OF THE.....SCHOOL FOR MONTH OF.....

1. What supplies needed for building?
2. What repairs needed?
3. Is janitor's work well done?
4. Condition of out buildings?
5. Repairs needed?
6. Condition of yard?
7. Remarks?

These reports have been of help to us, and in many ways have led to improvement in schoolhouse and grounds.

Two rooms, at Longfellow and Massey schools, have been refurnished with the best single desks obtainable. The Massey room has been re-kalsomined and varnished, and is in perfect condition. Too much attention cannot be given to making the school-room beautiful and home-like. Pleasant surroundings help much in getting good discipline.

At the south end of the town something needs to be done quickly to furnish more room for the City school. This school is large, crowded, with no ventilation, and not one-third coat-room enough. There is no water near the schoolhouse. Enlargement of present building, a new house, or a graded school for the lower third of this town,—one of these plans must soon be adopted.

Our statistics, as given in the tables, and our Roll of Honor, cover only two terms. The winter term closes after this report

is printed. Future reports will contain statistics covering three terms, beginning with the winter term.

The following rules, which include also some of the by-laws of the town relating to truancy, have been adopted by the School Committee:—

1. The school hours shall be from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 12 M., and from 1 P. M., to 4 P. M., each school day, and no teacher will vary from these hours without the consent of the committee or a member thereof.

2. Teachers have the oversight of the buildings and premises where they may be engaged, and each teacher will make monthly report to the board of the condition of the property and surrounding premises belonging to the town, stating what repairs and alterations, if any, are needed, the committee to furnish blanks for this purpose, same to be filed by the board.

3. Extended absences and unexcused tardiness, where the teacher has reasonable cause to believe such to be a truancy, shall be reported to the board in writing, and to the nearest truant officer, who shall at once investigate, and if a pupil be found out of school in school hours the truant officer shall proceed as follows:—

"Truant officers in cities and towns are hereby authorized, under the direction of the school committee of their respective cities and towns, to apprehend and take to school without warrant all truants found wandering about in the streets or public places."

4. Teachers' salaries will be paid as follows: At the expiration of six weeks' service four weeks' salary shall be paid, and at the close of each term salary shall be paid in full. If any teacher discontinue teaching during a term for reasons other than sickness or without the consent of the committee, she shall forfeit two weeks' salary.

5. All bills against the town accruing through the committee or a member thereof, shall be receipted and presented to the board. A negotiable sight draft on the town treasurer shall be given in payment and all bills shall be filed by the committee and turned over to the town treasurer quarterly.

6. Truant officers shall make reports to the committee quarterly.

7. "Any minor between the age of seven and fifteen found wandering about the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, or persistently violating the rules and regulations of the common schools, shall be committed to the Truant School at Walpole for a term not exceeding two years."

8. The following named persons are appointed truant officers: Henry A. Whitney, Delacey O. Evans, Charles R. Griffin, Stephen E. Scott.

9. Each teacher at the close of a term will prepare and hand to the Superintendent a list of all the town books in her school.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Town Treasurer has received for school purposes:—

Income of state school fund,	$ 333 55	
" dog tax,	192 00	
" school bank,	25 00	
" surplus revenue,	140 00	
Town appropriation for schools,	2,300 00	
" " school books,	200 00	
" " " supplies,	200 00	
		$3,390 55

The Treasurer has expended:—

Wages of teachers and care of school-houses,	$2,917 60	
Fuel,	148 89	
School books and supplies,	284 00	
School furniture,	273 62	
		$3,624 11
An outlay beyond the appropriation of		$233 56

ROLL OF HONOR.

SPRING TERM.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL.—Eugene Connolly.

WEBSTER.—Pearl Grant, Eva M. Arnold, Harry E. Woodbury, Timothy E. Foley, Harold W. Drury, Willie H. Callahan.

WHITTIER.—Willie Bellan, Mary I. Beazley, John J. Desmond, Charlie Foley, Mary Ann Macey, Edith Maxcy, Oscar F. Metcalf.

BEAVER POND.—Ruby M. Wales, Bertie Tingley.

MASSEY.—Florence Cook, Susie Thayer, Hattie Sullivan, Carrie Taylor, Olie Smith, Vera Billings, Aggie Sears, Lida Spencer, Lottie Gay, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, Charlie Sears, Lester Osborne, Manning Taylor.

CHILSON.—Ada Trask, Helen Thompson, Weston Aldrich, Willie Trask, Genie Trask.

CITY.—Carrie Whipple.

WILCOX.—Florence B. Rhodes.

AUTUMN TERM.

LONGFELLOW.—Ethel Tingley.

WEBSTER.—Eva M. Arnold, Willie H. Callahan, Minnie E. Foley, Timothy Foley, Garrett Fitzpatrick, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Pearl Grant, Arthur St. George, Jerry O'Rourke, Albert Bellan.

WHITTIER.—Delia Macey, Mary Ann Macey, Jerry Kennelly, Charlie Foley, Willie Bellan, Willie E. Beach.

BEAVER POND.—Ruby M. Wales, Arthur Wood.

MASSEY.—Bessie Keyes, Lloyd Thayer, Georgie Gay, Georgie Thayer, Susie Thayer, Hattie Sullivan, Vera Billings, Aggie Sears, Lottie Gay, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, Charlie Sears, Lester Osborne.

CHILSON.—Sadie Holbrook, Ada Trask, Helen Thompson, Nelson Holbrook, Willie Trask, Genie Trask.

CITY.—Grace M. Wales, Esther Staples, Roby Staples, Eugene Wales.

WILCOX.—Florence B. Rhodes, Grace McCarthy, John McCarthy, Henry McCarthy.

FOR THE YEAR 1893.

WEBSTER.—Pearl Grant, Eva M. Arnold, Timothy Foley.

WHITTIER.—Willie Bellan, Charlie Foley, Mary Ann Macey.

BEAVER POND.—Ruby M. Wales.

MASSEY.—Susie Thayer, Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, Vera Billings, Hattie Sullivan, Aggie Sears, Lester Osborne, Lottie Gay, Charlie Sears.

CHILSON.—Ada Trask, Willie Trask, Genie Trask, Helen Thompson.

WILCOX.—Florence B. Rhodes.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATHAN W. SANBORN,
ALBERT A. ALDRICH,
School Committee of Bellingham.

TABLE NO. 1. STATISTICS BY TERMS. 1893.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number of pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Length of term in months.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visitors.
	SPRING TERM.									
Longfellow,	Catherine Meagher,	41	36.71	34.98	.952	26	1	3	$40 00	34
Webster,	George E. Aldrich,	32	29.54	28.19	.953	31	6	3	40 00	31
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard,	34	31.70	29.40	.927	16	9	3	40 00	23
Beaver Pond,	Clara L. Thayer,	27	22.00	19.99	.908	15	2	3	32 00	16
Quinobequin,	Marion E. Howe,	15	13.75	10.93	.794	11	0	3	32 00	38
Massey,	Mamie A. Billings,	29	28.00	27.10	.967	20	14	3	40 00	49
Chilson,	Carrie E. Daniels,	20	18.51	16.58	.895	15	4	3	32 00	20
City,	Agnes M Grant,	32	27.49	23.83	.866	23	1	3	36 00	19
Wilcox,	Eva F. Warfield,	14	11.45	10.35	.903	11	1	3	32 00	21
	AUTUMN TERM.									
Longfellow,	Grace A. Smith,	35	33.41	29.61	.886	26	1	3	36 00	22
Webster,	George E. Aldrich,	34	31.33	30.57	.977	31	10	3	40 00	14
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard,	26	25.04	24.08	.961	18	6	3	40 00	14
Beaver Pond,	Lillian Hodder,	20	18.21	15.96	.874	15	2	3	32 00	35
Quinobequin,	Marion E. Howe,	12	11.86	10.95	.923	9	0	3	32 00	26
Massey,	M. A. Billings,	31	29.66	28.9	.975	20	14	3	40 00	30
Chilson,	Carrie E. Daniels,	24	20.88	19.25	.921	16	6	3	32 00	16
City,	Agnes M Grant,	42	35.41	33.08	.934	28	4	3	36 00	28
Wilcox,	Eva F. Warfield,	16	14.85	14.42	.971	10	4	3	32 00	24

TABLE NO. 2. STATISTICS FOR 1893.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number of different pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number neither absent nor tardy.	Average wages of teachers per week.
Longfellow	43	35.06	32.29	.919	29	0	0	0	$ 9 50
Webster	34	30.48	29.38	.965	31	0	3	3	10 00
Whittier	34	28.37	26.72	.944	19	0	0	3	10 00
Beaver Pond	27	20.10	17.97	.891	15	0	1	1	8 00
Quinobequin	15	12.80	10.94	.858	11	0	0	0	8 00
Massey	32	28.83	28.01	.971	22	0	0	9	10 00
Chilson	24	19.69	17.91	.908	16	0	0	3	8 00
City	48	31.45	28.45	.900	30	0	1	0	9 00
Wilcox	18	13.15	12.38	.937	11	0	1	1	8 00
Total and average	276	219.93	204.05	.922	184	0	6	20	8 94+

Number of children in town May 1, 1893, between the ages of 5 and 15	245
Whole number of different pupils in all schools for the year	276
Average membership	219.93
Average attendance	204.05
Percentage of attendance	.922
Number between 8 and 14 years	184
Number over 15 years	6
Number under 5 years	0
Number neither absent nor tardy	20
Average wages of teachers per week	$8.94+

REPORT

OF

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

TO CONSIDER

SCHOOL MATTERS.

CREATED BY VOTE OF THE TOWN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

1893.

REPORT.

At the annual meeting, March 8, 1893, action under Article 14 of the warrant was taken as follows:—

Article 14. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the need of a new school building at Caryville and North Bellingham as recommended by the School Committee, said Committee to report at an adjourned meeting, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted, that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to investigate this question and the need at South Bellingham as well as at the North and Caryville, and report at the next annual meeting. This Committee was appointed: Rufus G. Fairbanks, Otto L. Bullard, Henry W. Pickering, Nathan W. Sanborn, M. D., Addison E. Bullard.

The above vote placed a grave responsibility and a serious duty upon your committee. At this time we submit our report for your consideration, conscious that we have done all with an eye single to every interest involved. We caused notices of hearings at the south, center and north parts of the town to be placed in each dwelling-house so that every inhabitant might have opportunity to express his or her mind upon what, if anything, might be needed in the premises. After four sittings and listening to the witnesses presenting themselves we have prepared and herewith submit the following report.

Much that has bearing upon the issues involved we have drafted in general principle from outside sources. The detail matter, which takes in our recommendations as to action upon local schools or buildings, comes from evidence adduced at the hearings before the committee. We find a great diversity of sentiment relating to our schools, but through it all the evidence disclosed an almost unanimous sentiment that something ought to be done to save our schools from a standstill point. Of course there were croakers and those who always object to any improvement solely upon the ground that any change is heretical, but it is demonstrated that the town, as a town, realizes that our school expenditure is yielding but little profit. We may speak first of the necessity of new

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

This matter has been thoroughly canvassed and examined, and we deem it proper to recommend at this time but one new building in town. The Longfellow, Whitter, and Webster schools, so long as present conditions continue, do not need a new school building, although we feel that, ultimately, these schools must be combined. The Massey school building stands half vacant. Here interest upon money invested, insurance, etc., are annually lost on half the building. At the City schoolhouse we found a building which your committee unanimously agreed was not a fit place for school children to congregate in.

With an entry-way scarce four feet square, and a school room too small by far for the number of pupils enrolled, and this room crowded with benches unfit for use, your committee found a general sentiment among the citizens that a new building should be erected. We recommend a new building, but not upon the present location. To accommodate the growing population running over from Rhode Island, it should be placed in some locality nearer the state line, but just where we do not suggest.

We do feel that we stand in some danger from the state authorities unless some action is taken in this part of the town. To add to the present building would be practically a useless proceeding, for it would be but an unfit place still. A new house to provide for some time to come should have two rooms, which, to get the best results, should be on the ground floor.

CONSOLIDATION.

Here, as in considering the former topic, we found a diversity of sentiment, much of it a surprise to your committee, who did not suppose it had been given much thought by the town. We found quite a large number of citizens quite well informed and deeply interested in the matter. We found others who did not hesitate to condemn any plan of consolidation, but usually upon questioning this class of witnesses it was discovered that the witness had not examined the subject to any great extent.

The bulk of the testimony offered at all the hearings tended to the idea that finally and in the future our town would have but three school buildings, although the progress ending in that result will be necessarily slow. We have carefully weighed all that was presented, and, having in mind the wishes of the town as well as the best good of the pupils, we recommend at this time the combining of schools in one locality only.

Under the topic of "School Buildings" we referred to the Massey schoolhouse. We feel that the Beaver pond and Quinobequin schools should be brought under the Massey roof. The three schools would make two, with grading opportunity, chance for promotion, and at least twenty-five per cent better result than is now obtained under the present system. Two rooms in a year require a large amount of heat and care. The expense of one would be dispensed with, while interest on money invested, insurance, and repairs upon two buildings would be saved. Two teachers would do the work now done by three, and the expense of transportation could be paid by the money saved so that no greater expense would then exist than the treasury is now put to with three disconnected schools.

But fortunately this question of consolidation is not a new one. It is being tried in an increasing number of towns each year, and in each case, with proper attention, with success. Upton is the last town to adopt the plan, while Milford began upon it some time ago. The principle is so well considered and put in so practical a light that we incorporate the report of the superintendent of schools of Concord for 1891, and urge its careful consideration upon all our citizens:—

"Prior to the year 1879 the common schools of Concord were twelve in number, occupying eleven houses. Five of these schools were placed in the central village; two under one roof were at West Concord; and the remaining five were country district schools for the accommodation of the out-lying farming population. The district schoolhouses were at distances from the Centre varying from one and one half to three miles. An attempt had been made, with partial success, to grade the Centre schools. The school boards of that day, therefore, had to deal with a system of schools ungraded in part, and the rest mixed schools imperfectly graded. These schools were taught by experienced teachers, most of whom—if not all—had received a special training for the work. The influence of Quincy was reflected in many of the schools. Yet the general results were far from satisfactory, and the School Committee, appreciating the defects of the existing system, and seeing clearly a remedy, met the emergency resolutely. A vigorous and wisely-directed agitation procured from the town an appropriation of money sufficient to build and equip an eight-room schoolhouse at the Centre. In December, 1880, the 'Emerson School' was ready for occupancy, and received the children from the village schools. *An immediate and inevitable improvement in every quality that distinguishes a good from a poor school resulted.* The School Committee then turned their attention to the district schools. These schools had been for a

long time a cause of great anxiety. They were growing feebler, and they were expensive to maintain in proportion to the number of pupils they served. The suggestion of the true way to deal with these schools was welcomed. The Emerson School would accommodate all the children, and the laws of the State (Chap. 132, Acts of 1869) enabled the town to raise and appropriate money 'to be expended by the School Committee in their discretion in providing for the conveyance of pupils to and from the public schools.' The School Committee adopted the suggestion that it was advisable to close the district schools and to convey the children to the Centre. To carry the suggestion into effect was a difficult matter. The difficulty can be realized readily when it is understood that a period of nearly ten years elapsed between the closing of the first and the closing of the last of the five district schools, and that, during these years, the successive school boards never lost sight of the end in view, nor relaxed their efforts to reach that end. Nor is it strange that obstacles were encountered. A strong and rational conservatism existed in the districts. The idea of consolidation was novel, and raised doubts and objections that could not be met by past experience here or elsewhere. On the other hand, it was possible for the plan to prevail in the end because the communities directly affected were highly intelligent and formed their judgments thoughtfully and correctly. It is an interesting fact, also, that, during the whole ten years of change, a majority of the Committee were farmers; and that, for the most of the time, a majority were the local representatives of the districts involved. From the successive annual reports of the School Committee, the facts bearing upon the history of the movement are gleaned. In 1879 the school in District 7 was closed, and the children conveyed to the Centre, because the Committee 'did not feel justified in keeping the school open for the small number of pupils attending it.' About the same time the grammar school pupils in District 2 were directed to attend the Centre school, and 'to make their own way thither.' In 1881 the children of District 7 'have been carried to the schools of the village for more than a year. The parents were at first mostly opposed to this course. They seem now entirely satisfied, and would not have their old school if they could.' In 1881 the parents in District 2 petitioned the Committee to close their school and convey their children to the Centre. A counter petition was sent in, however, before action had been taken. The Committee, preferring to wait for a more permanent sentiment, did not close the school. In the same year the school in District 5 was closed without opposition. An attempt to close, at the same time, the school in District 6 met with so strenuous opposition that the Committee did not persist in closing it. In their next report (1882) the Committee refer to their action as follows: 'It has not been the policy here to bring the children of the outside districts to the central schools unless the voters of the district desire it. When the number of pupils is less than ten the

Committee feel that they are not warranted in incurring the expense of keeping a separate school.' They also urge that 'it is a question which the parents in the outer districts of the town should consider carefully, whether the instruction at the centre of the town is not better, as well as cheaper, than it can be made in their own schools, and what is their duty in such a case.' In 1885 the school in District 3 was closed at the request of the local member of the School Committee. In reporting this to the town the Committee wrote as follows: 'On the establishment of the Emerson School, two courses in regard to the district schools were open to the School Committee. First, to close those schools at once, and to transfer the children, willing or unwilling, to the central schools. Second, to continue the outside schools until such a time as the parents should be convinced that the education given at the central schools was superior, and should voluntarily ask to have their schools closed and the children conveyed to the Emerson School. The latter course, which was the one chosen by the Committee, was undoubtedly the wise one.' In 1887 the parents in District 2 petitioned the Committee to convey their Children to the Centre. The Committee acted promptly, and began to convey the children. A counter petition then was sent in, but an investigation was made, and the Committee, consulting what they 'believed to be the best interests of the children,' denied the second petition. In the same year the school in District 6 was closed by vote of the Committee, and the scheme of consolidation was effected. The following spring the Committee reported as follows: 'We have now concentrated the school children in the High, Emerson, and West Concord schools, where they can all have the best education the town affords; and it is the belief of the Committee that it will not be necessary to reopen any of the district schoolhouses.' In the year 1887 a four-room schoolhouse was completed for the use of the three villages in West Concord. *In 1891 the town authorized the Selectmen to sell the unoccupied schoolhouses in the districts. This action of the town, taken without a voice raised in opposition, indicates the general satisfaction with the present system. The apprehension of the owners of real estate that a depreciation of values would result if the local schools were closed has proven to be groundless.* The natural reluctance of parents to send their young children so far from home, and for all day, to attend the Centre school, has vanished. The children are conveyed in comfortable vehicles fitted up for their accommodation. They are in charge of trusty drivers *en route*, and at noon they are under the especial care of one of the teachers, who has an extra compensation for the service. When it is practicable, a farmer living near the extreme end of the district is employed to convey the children. Often the farmer's wife drives the conveyance,—an arrangement that meets the entire approval of the School Committee, and is, perhaps, the most satisfactory one possible. As a rule, the Committee do not approve of entrusting the duty to the hired man.

Two two-horse barges and two one-horse wagons are in use at present. All these vehicles are fitted with seats running lengthwise, and are closed or open at sides and ends as the weather requires, and in cold weather are provided with blankets and straw. The driver starts from or near the remote end of his district, and drives down the principal thoroughfare, taking up the children at their own doors or at cross-street corners.

"*The attendance of the children conveyed is several per cent better than that of the village children, and it is far higher than it was in the old district schools.* This is not strange when one reflects that the children are taken at or near their own doors and conveyed to school without exposure in stormy weather and with entire comfort in cold or snowy weather. Discipline in the carriages is maintained readily, as the driver has authority to put out any unruly child. *The children are conveyed from one and one half to three and one half miles.* The cost of transportation is about $40 per week. It is estimated that itwould cost $60 a week to maintain schools in all the districts. The number of teachers in the Centre schools is not increased by the consolidation, as the sixty to seventy-five children from thedistricts are distributed quite uniformly among the various rooms.

"Whatever advantages a system of carefully graded schools, occupying a well-ventilated and well-cared-for schoolhouse, taught by a body of intelligent and earnest teachers co-operating to secure the best discipline within and without the school-room, has over a mixed country school, such advantages are shared alike by all the inhabitants of this town. All alike are interested in all real progress in methods of discipline and instruction, and in improved appliances to aid instruction. Superintendence becomes more efficient. The introduction of new subjects of study and of drawing, music, gymnastics, manual training, is made easy, since all the pupils of the town are found in three schoolhouses. Appliances of all kinds, and books of reference, can be provided more extensively and at less cost. In short, every scheme to make the teaching more efficient or broader can be carried into effect far more readily. The history of this movement in Concord conclusively shows that the success of the plan here was due to its intrinsic merit, acting upon the minds of an enlightened people desirous of furthering the true educational interests of their children.

"Many incidental advantages subordinate to the prime one have resulted. All the children of the town meet on the same arena, test the quality each of the other, and exchange from the beginning those influences which will mould them to act together harmoniously and intelligently in the future. All the parents of the town have an equal interest in the welfare of the two central systems of schools, and for many years dissensions about the maintenance of schools have been unknown in our town meetings. It has been Concord's good fortune to have worked out a

beneficent scheme for the improvement of public school education in country towns, destined to be widely adopted and to gain for her distinction in the cause of education."

TEACHERS.

Teaching is essentially a fine art, and, like all fine arts, susceptible of endless improvement. The best teachers grow and develop perennially, each term's wor being entered upon with new enthusiasm, and each showing improvement over the last; others reach high water mark in a few years or even terms; while a very poor teacher may not improve beyond the second term, or even the first.

The common estimate of the qualifications necessary to really successful work in teaching is too low. A high grade of scholarship, aptitude to teach and to control, and an intimate knowledge of educational principles and the ability to apply them, are indispensable to the successful teacher. No engineer or master workman was ever in charge of a machine a thousandth part as complicated as the physical frame of a child; no master of harmony ever swept the chords of an instrument so delicate, so sensitive to all surrounding influences, so responsive to every touch of the real master of his art as that union of physical with mental or spiritual nature which constitutes a human being.

A high grade of scholarship implies capacity, brain, love of knowledge, thoroughness, fidelity and perserverance as a student, and every scholarly man or woman has paid this price. Aptitude to teach and to govern implies special talent in that direction, a hearty, unaffected sympathy with young people, and pleasure in associating with them, the power to discern intuitively and to follow a good example, to make the slightest suggestion fruitful of good results, and to devise original methods to round out what is learned from others. A knowledge of educational principles implies special study and training, and only extensive and confident mastery of them, united with much good judgment, can give the ability to apply them. A teacher may, to be sure, learn much by experience, but the most brilliant genius that ever adorned the profession could not discover all its principles for himself, much less all its best methods, and the proverbial costliness of experience will apply to the taught if not the teacher. In other callings the apprentice can undertake the simpler parts of his work, but here the untrained teacher must at once undertake the whole.

We earnestly recommend that the qualifications indicated be demanded of all applicants for permament employment in our schools. If the demand is made, the supply will be forthcoming. The demand and not the supply should fix the standard. The teacher who has the best equipment, natural and acquired, on beginning her work, will profit most by the assistance furnished by supervision and by experience, will improve the most rapidly and the most permanently. One man will take a piece of canvas and paint upon it a picture more or less creditable and valuable; another, with the same materials and in the same time, will produce one worth a hundred times as much. Who can say there is not a corresponding difference in teachers?

It is well to take pride in the excellence of our schools so far as we are warranted in doing so. At the same time, we should not forget that, considering the great interests involved, no school in the land is good enough, and that there never can be a time when it will not be necessary to LABOR for their improvement. The primary grades especially need skilful instructors. The first year is the most important of school life, and, at the same time, the first steps are the more difficult to teach successfully than any others. We must not lose sight of the fact that in rural communities the same principles obtain, but teachers dislike to remain and decline to do so upon equal or slightly advanced salaries, with large towns and cities. Our examination discloses that under our conditions of life and circumstances, teachers use us for a stepping stone for experimental purposes, and our schools show it. More money will acquire better talent, and good talent will demand and obtain the largest compensation. We must pay more money for teachers than we have been doing, or a large part of the annual appropriation is little better than wasted. Let us consider this, ponder it well, and do the best for ourselves and those to come after us.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADDISON E. BULLARD,
NATHAN W. SANBORN,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
HENRY W. PICKERING.

Bellingham, Feb. 1, 1894.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk County, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Fifth Day of March, A. D. 1894, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

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ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of all Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

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Article 20. To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they accepted of Sections 74, 75, 76, 77, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, relating to Road Commissioners.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this Sixteenth day of February, A. D., 1894.

R. F. THAYER,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

SELECTMEN.

RUEL F. THAYER, ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE.

TREASURER.

RUEL F. THAYER.

ASSESSORS.

NATHAN A. COOK, CARROLL E. WHITE,
WESLEY E. HOWES.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

GEORGE NELSON,	Term expires March,	1895.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" "	1896.
GEORGE A. CROOKS,	" "	1897.

CONSTABLES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELWIN M. TAFT, LUMAN R. CAMP.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NATHAN W. SANBORN,	Term expires March,	1895.
ALBERT A. ALDRICH,	" "	1896.
ALMOND W. COOK,	" "	1897.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

L. FRANCIS THAYER,	Term expires March,	1895.
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,	" "	1896.
JUDSON E. CAMP,	" "	1897.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

AUDITOR.

ELBRIDGE GRANT.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,	Term expires March,	1895.
ORRIN CHILSON,	" "	1896.
OTTO L. BULLARD,	" "	1897.

FENCE VIEWERS.

L. FRANCIS THAYER, STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MRS. ALICE BURR,	Term expires March,		1895.
MISS SARA T. ROCKWOOD,	"	"	1895.
MRS. OTTO L. BULLARD,	"	"	1896.
MRS. OLIVE COOK,	"	"	1896.
MRS. FRANCIS METCALF,	"	"	1897.
MISS EMMA KEACH,	"	"	1897.

Appointments by the Selectmen.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

POUND KEEPER.

ORRIN CHILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, CALVIN FAIRBANKS.
NATHAN A. COOK.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, ELBRIDGE GRANT,
L. FRANCIS THAYER, JUDSON E. CAMP,
WILLIAM A. BURR, HENRY W. PICKERING.
GEORGE A. CROOKS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, SENECA BURR,
JUDSON E. CAMP, ORRIN CHILSON.

POLICE OFFICERS.

CHARLES F. CROOKS, DELACY O. EVANS,
JOHN P. THAYER, FRANK P. PICKERING. (Special.)

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER AND MILK.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

AUCTIONEER.

NATHAN A. COOK.

SEXTONS.

ORRIN CHILSON, STEPHEN F. METCALF,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, HENRY W. PICKERING.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP AND JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

JOHN P. THAYER.

BURIAL AGENT (Under Chap. 395, Acts of 1889).

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

BALLOT CLERKS AND INSPECTORS OF ELECTION, NOV. 6.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, GEORGE H. GERSTLE,
DANIEL SULLIVAN.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORS AND ACTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 4, 1895.

Ellis T. Norcross,
John Shannon,
Charles J. Nugent,
Wesley E. Howes,
Charles W. Aldrich,
Otto L. Bullard,
Edward McKean,
Henry A. Whitney,
George E. Hawes,
S. Fred Metcalf,
Francis H. Dawley,
Benj. E. Marble,
Horace E. Barbour,
Edwin F. Pickering,
Irving Wales,
George H. Thayer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have finished copying the births and deaths to 1858, 866 in number, and with those previously copied have arranged and commenced entering them in a book purchased for the purpose. We are doing this work to help preserve our old books, as there is a constant demand for genealogical statistics, and there has been fully as much this year as formerly. We have been asked for statistics back to 1650, but could not give the desired information, as we have but few dates older than our incorporation in 1719. We did find the answer to one in 1720.

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1894.

Supreme Judicial Court, Addison E. Bullard.
Grand Juror, Milton R. Billings.
April Criminal Term, Carroll E. White.
May Civil Term, Ruel A. Rockwood.
September Criminal Term, Judson E. Camp.
October Civil Term, William A. Coombs.
December Criminal Term, John J. Gerstle.
January Civil Term, Silas H. Williams.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

109 male, $2,	$218 00	
8 female, $5,	40 00	
		$258 00
Fees, 117, 20 cents,	$23 40	
Return and oath,	2 40	
		25 80
Paid County Treasurer,		$232 20
Legal papers recorded,		9
Marriage licenses,		13
Marriages recorded,		13
Births recorded,		27
Deaths recorded,		22

RECORD OF FIRES FROM INSURANCE BOOK FOR 1894.

April 27.—Wood land of heirs of Simon Bicknell; 30 acres, value $500, damage $210; caused by a locomotive of the New

York & New England railroad between Bellingham and Milford.

May 4.—Wood land of heirs of Mahlon Apgar et al.; 6 acres, value $250, damage $65; caused by a locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad going west.

May 5.—Wood land of East Blackstone Mill Co. et al.; 10 acres, value $114, damage $50; caused by fishermen having a fire, and not leaving it with proper care.

May 8.—Wood land of Ruel F. Thayer et al.; 68 acres, value $1105, damage $389; caused by a locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad setting the fire May 7th by the crossing near the house of Mr. Adams, and not reaching Bellingham line until the 8th.

May 13.—Wood land of S. Fred Metcalf; 4 acres, value $40, damage $24, also 7 cords of wood, value $14, damage $14; caused by a locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad, a freight extra going west.

June 17.—Wood land of Proctor P. Cook; 3 acres, value $30, damage $15, caused by a locomotive of the New York & New England railroad between Bellingham and Franklin.

July 5.—Wood land of Varnum B. Rockwood et al.; 110 acres, value $1200, damage $630; caused by a locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad in the afternoon of the 5th.

July 13.—Wood land of Henry M. Rockwood; 2 acres, value $40, damage $16; caused by a locomotive of the New York & New England railroad going from Milford to Bellingham about 12.30 of the 13th.

July 13.—Wood land of Warren Lazell et al.; 222 acres, value $3327, damage $1610; same fire also burned 55½ cords of wood, damage $117; caused by a locomotive on the Central Division of the New York & New England railroad going west about 2 o'clock P. M.

Sept. 6.—Wood land of Stephen Brothers; 17 acres, value $170, damage $68; caused by Mr. Brothers setting a brush fire and not keeping it under control.

Sept. 13.—Wood land of Henry M. Rockwood; 1 acre, value $5, damage $3; same fire also burned 4 cords of wood belonging to Proctor P. Cook, damage $10; caused by a locomotive of the New York & New England railroad between Bellingham and Milford about 7 o'clock P. M.

Oct. 16.—Wood land of heirs of Charles Farrington; 1½ acres, value $20, damage $7; cause unknown, but probably by some one passing through and dropping a match.

TOWN RECORDS.

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R. F. THAYER,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, ss.

March 5, 1894.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the legal voters of Bellingham to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and Officer's return.
Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 1894.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in their Town Hall at 10.15 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the warrant, then reading Article 1, for a Moderator—

Article 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

Article 2.—To hear the reports of all the Town Officers.

The reports of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and the Special Committee on the Need of New School Buildings were read by their titles, and voted to dispense with the further reading, and voted to lay the same on the table. The Assessors' report was read by title, further reading dispensed with, and voted to accept the same. The Cemetery Committee's report was read by title, and voted to dispense with the reading, and voted to accept as printed.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

William A. McKean was appointed a Teller and sworn.

For Town Clerk, Henry A. Whitney.

Selectmen, Ruel F. Thayer, Orrin Chilson, William A. McKean.

Mr. McKean declined to serve, and said: "I thank the electors most heartily for the honor conferred on me by again choosing me as one of your Selectmen. I have lived here a long time, and like Bellingham, and believe in the way her municipal affairs are conducted. I have served on the Board of Selectmen a number of years until last year, when for some reason I was changed to the Board of Assessors, but, gentle-

men, my business is such at the present time that I cannot serve you in any capacity, but if the time should come again when my business does not demand so much of my time I shall be pleased to serve you in any office to which you should elect me."

[We are sorry to say that last fall Mr. McKean sold out all interests he had in town, and moved to Braintree; and for myself and I think all the Town Officers who have served with or in connection with him are sorry to lose so pleasant and genial a man to serve with. He was always looking for the best interests of the town as an officer or a citizen, and considered all matters well. What is our loss is another town's gain. He has our best wishes for his prosperity and happiness in his new home.] .

E. B. Stowe was chosen as third Selectman.

Treasurer, Ruel F. Thayer.

Assessors, Nathan A. Cook, Carroll E. White, Wesley E. Howes.

At this time, being noon, it was voted to adjourn until 1 o'clock for dinner, which was furnished in the Lower Hall by the W. C. T. U.

Met according to adjournment, and elected:—

Overseer of the Poor, George A. Crooks, for three years.

Voted to choose four Constables, and chose Henry A. Whitney, Charles R. Griffin, Judson E. Camp, Elwyn M. Taft.

School Committee, A. Whitman Cook, for 3 years.

Voted to take up Article 20.—To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they accepted Secs. 74, 75, 76, 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes relating to Road Commissioners.

Voted not to reconsider, and voted to take up Article 3, and chose:—

Road Commissioner, Judson E. Camp, for three years.

Voted to pass over the remainder of this Article and take up Article 4.—To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes, and voted: For schools, $2000, dog tax, bank tax, and surplus revenue added; school fixtures and supplies, $150; school books, $200; highways, $1200; bridges and railings, $50; guide boards, $10; support of the poor, $1200; repair of Town buildings, $200; miscellaneous items, $150; printing, $100; interest on Town Debt, $225; Town Debt, $300; Town Officers, $500; cemeteries, $50; Decoration Day, $25; Chap. 447, Acts 1890, $200.

It was voted that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Maria Costello $100 and interest for 17 years, and the Treasurer

take a bond to protect the Town against loss by the presentation of her note.

Voted that the money appropriated for Decoration Day be expended by a committee consisting of James O. Richardson of Franklin Post, Abiram W. Wales of Medway Post, and Henry W. Pickering of Woonsocket Post, G. A. R.

Article 5.—To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected and paid into the Treasury.

Voted: All who pay a poll tax only shall pay the same on demand, and all others shall be payable Oct. 1. All taxes unpaid Nov. 1 half of one per cent per month will be added. All taxes must be paid by Jan. 1, 1895.

Article 6.—To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Voted him that authority.

Article 7.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to exceed $2000 in amount.

Article 8.—To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted as revised, and they are as follows: Milton R. Billings, Charles W. Aldrich, Wm. A. Coombs, Ellis T. Norcross, George E. Hawes, John J. Gerstle, Silas H. Williams, Carroll E. White, John Shannon, S. Fred Metcalf, Judson E. Camp, Ruel A. Rockwood, Edward B. Metcalf, Charles J. Nugent, Francis H. Dawley, Wesley E. Howes, Benj. E. Marble.

Article 9.—Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town, to vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No."

Voted Yes, 6; No, 38.

Article 10.—To see if the Town will allow any bills if there are any presented.

A bill of Judson E. Camp of $32.50, referred to the Selectmen to investigate, and report at a future meeting; a bill of Rufus G. Fairbanks of $25, referred back to be itemized; a bill of Welcome R. Jillson of $3, voted to pay the bill.

It was then voted to take up Article 4.

Article 4.—Raising Money.

Motion: To raise $500 to be expended on the road from Blackstone line to the corner of the road by the house of Charles W. Thayer.

Voted to refer this matter to the Selectmen for investigation, also the condition of the road over Scott Hill, and report at the adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn to two weeks from today at 10 o'clock A. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 19, 1894.

Met according to adjournment, and proceeded to business by taking up Article 10.

Article 10.—The Selectmen report as a Committee of Investigation: "The bill of Judson E. Camp was handed to us Feb. 28, 1894. On investigation we think the Town is not liable for the damage as claimed by Mr. Camp."

It was voted to accept the report, and that the Committee be discharged, and voted to lay the bill on the table.

Bill of R. G. Fairbanks for $25: Voted not to pay the bill.

Bill of Judson E. Camp: Taken from the table and voted not to pay the bill.

Article 11.—To see if the Town will elect a board of Library Trustees, and appropriate the money necessary to secure the gift of one hundred dollars' worth of books from the State.

Voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 12.—To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431, Acts of 1888, as amended by Chapter 200, Acts of 1893, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor.

Mr. Walton of the State Board of Education was present, and by unanimous consent was allowed to explain this matter, after which the Town voted to accept the provisions, and voted that the town unite with Hopedale, Mendon and Sherborn, or with any one or more of them, to employ a Superintendent under the provisions of the Statutes of 1888, with amendments of Acts of 1893.

Voted that the Town appropriate $250 for the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under Acts of 1888, with amendments of Acts of 1893.

Article 13.—To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to sell the Town Farm, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted to dismiss the article from the Warrant.

Article 14.—To see if the Town will accept the report of its Special Committee on School Matters, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted to take the same from the table, and voted to accept as printed.

Article 15.—To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will appropriate for transportation of scholars.

Voted to lay the article on the table.

Article 16.—To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to prepare and arrange By-Laws for the Town, said Committee to report at an adjourned meeting.

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Voted to lay the article on the table.

Article 18.—To see if the Town will fix a price for the leasing of the Town House or any part thereof to any society or persons wishing the use of same, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted that the Town give the use of the Town Hall, free, exclusive of heating and lighting, to the Junior Order of American Mechanics Thursday evenings of each week, and to Bellingham Grange the second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month, under a suitable janitor.

Article 19.—To see if the Town will order the Town House to be closed at twelve o'clock midnight, when rented for any kind of entertainment.

Voted to dismiss the article from the Warrant.

Article 2.—Voted to take from the table the reports of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Collector, and School Committee. Each was taken separately and voted to accept the same.

Article 3.—Chose Calvin Fairbanks Collector, and voted his salary be 1 per cent of all taxes committed to him to collect.

Auditor, Elbridge Grant.

Cemetery Committee, Otto L. Bullard, for three years.

Constable, Luman R. Camp, in the place of Charles R. Griffin, who refused to qualify.

Fence Viewers, L. Francis Thayer, Judson E. Camp, Stephen E. Scott.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint all other necessary Town Officers.

Article 4.—The Selectmen report (as a Committee) on roads:—

"We have investigated and recommend the following appropriations: $300 to be expended between the Blackstone line and the corner opposite the house of Charles W. Thayer, also $100 from railroad bridge over Scott Hill to the house of Alba Trask; also $100 from the junction of South Main and Center streets by the house of Michael Gorman." Voted to raise the amount and expend the same as recommended.

Voted to raise and appropriate $300 more for the support of schools. Voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to mail to

each voter and owner of real estate who lives in town one copy of the next annual report when issued.

Voted that the Town raise $125 to buy a piece of land at the junction of South Main and Center streets, and the Treasurer be authorized to take a deed of the same.

Voted that the Moderator have five dollars ($5) for his services.

Article 11.—Voted to take this article from the table, and voted to elect six Trustees for a Free Public Library, two for one year, two for two years, two for three years.

Voted that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to bring in the names of persons to be voted for as Trustees.

The Committee chosen were Dr. N. W. Sanborn, William A. McKean, and Henry W. Pickering, and they made the following report: Mrs. Francis Metcalf and Miss Emma Keach for three years, Mrs. Otto L. Bullard and Mrs. Olive Cook for two years, Mrs. Alice Burr and Miss Sara T. Rockwood for one year.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the Trustees as named by them were elected by ballot.

Voted to raise $25 to carry out the provisions of the act.

Voted to instruct the Trustees to procure a suitable place at the Center and at each end of the Town for a library room.

Voted to dismiss the Warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, NOV. 6, 1894.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

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In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on the sixth day of November, A. D. 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their ballots to the Selectmen for Representative in Congress, Eleventh District, for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor, Second District; Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, Senator for the Second Norfolk District, Two Representatives in the General Court, Eighth Norfolk Representative District; One County Commissioner for the County of Norfolk, a County Commissioner to fill the vacancy which has occurred by the death of John Q. A. Lothrop, Treasurer

for the County of Norfolk, A Register of Deeds for the County of Norfolk. Also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" to the proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution: So much of Article nineteen of the Amendment as is contained in the following words: "Commissioners of Insolvency is hereby annulled." All to be brought in on one ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock, and may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

At 12 o'clock noon of the above mentioned day, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the above described inhabitants to act upon the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890, in regard to a Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 3.—To see if the Town will vote to choose all necessary Town Officers that are to be chosen by ballot, all on one ballot, or act or do anything relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. 1894.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

OFFICER'S RETURN.

Norfolk, ss.

Nov. 6, 1894.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the warrant at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and Officer's return.
Attest:
HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 6, 1894.

The legal voters of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs met in their Town Hall according to the foregoing warrant, and at 10 o'clock the Selectmen, with the assistance of the Ballot Clerks, who had been sworn by the Clerk, posted the cards of instructions that are called for by law in the booths and around the hall, and at 10.20 the Clerk delivered to the presiding Election Officer a package of official ballots, and received the following receipt:—

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 6, 1894.

Received of Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk, the first set of official ballots, said to contain 300.

R. F. THAYER,
Presiding Election Officer.

The Ballot Clerks were then presented with the ballots and a duplicate check list. The ballot box was inspected by the proper officers, the register set at 000, and locked up, when balloting commenced. The check list was in charge of E. B. Stowe, and the box in charge of R. F. Thayer. At 3 o'clock a motion was made that the polls be closed at 3.10, which was carried, and they were closed at that time. The register stood at 127; the check list was audibly counted by E. B. Stowe, and found 127 names checked; the ballots were counted from the box by R. F. Thayer, and 127 found therein; the check list used by the Ballot Clerks contained 127 names checked. Check list and unused ballots were then sealed up and properly endorsed.

After being sworn they assisted E. B. Stowe and George H. Gerstle in canvassing the vote cast, and they found the following result:—

GOVERNOR.

George H. Cary of Lynn, two,	2
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell, ninety-seven,	97
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield, five,	5
John E. Russell of Leicester, twenty-two,	22
Blanks, one,	1

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Wilber O. Dwinell of Danvers, one,	1
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston, eight,	8
Charles E. Stratton of Boston, twenty-one,	21
Roger Wolcott of Boston, ninety-three,	93
Blanks, four,	4

SECRETARY.

Charles A. DeCourcy of Lawrence, twenty-one,	21
Wilbert D. Farnham, jr., of Somerville, one,	1

William M. Olin of Boston, ninety-seven,	97
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton, one,	1
Blanks, seven,	7

TREASURER.

John W. Fisher of Attleborough, two,	2
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, twenty-three,	23
Martin W. Moran of Boston, one,	1
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield, ninety-eight,	98
Blanks, three,	3

AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, one hundred,	100
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield, two,	2
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg, eleven,	11
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston, eleven,	11
Blanks, three,	3

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick, one,	1
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, twenty-four,	24
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, ninety-seven,	97
James Sumner of Milton, one,	1
Blanks, four,	4

COUNCILLOR.

Bushrod Morse of Sharon, twenty-two,	22
Cyrus Savage of Taunton, ninety-five,	95
Blanks, ten,	10

SENATOR.

Robert S. Gray of Walpole, ninety,	90
Joshua B. Hanners of Walpole, two,	2
Charles Warren of Dedham, twenty,	20
Blanks, fifteen,	15

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT.

Alfred F. Everett of Franklin, six,	6
Charles F. Howard of Foxborough, fourteen,	14
Proctor P. Lewis of Foxborough, two,	2
Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham, ninety-nine,	99
William S. White of Foxborough, eighty-two,	82
Blanks, fifty-one,	51

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Thomas Blanchard of Stoughton, eighty-eight,	88
William W. Burke of Weymouth, six,	6
Nelson W. Green of Hyde Park, two,	2
Melville P. Morrell of Hyde Park, ninety,	90

Henry E. Ruggles of Franklin, twenty-one,	21
Blanks, forty-seven,	47

County Treasurer.

Robert C. Habberly of Hyde Park, five,	5
Charles H. Smith of Dedham, one hundred five,	105
Blanks, seventeen,	17

Register of Deeds.

John H. Burdakin of Dedham, one hundred six,	106
Lewis W. Hodges of Foxborough, four,	4
Blanks, seventeen,	17

Representative in Congress.

John F. Dowd of Hyde Park, two,	2
William F. Draper of Hopedale, ninety-four,	94
Bentley Wirt Warren of Boston, twenty-two,	22
Blanks, nine,	9

Amendment to the Constitution.

Yes, forty-seven,	47
No, ten,	10
Blanks, seventy,	70

The canvass having been completed, the Clerk publicly read the total vote as made out by the Election Officers. The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen and Clerk, and sealed up in open town meeting. The ballots cast were properly sealed up and endorsed by the proper officers, and delivered to the Town Clerk, when it was voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

Meeting for Town Business, Nov. 6.

According to the foregoing warrant for the State Election, at 12 o'clock, noon, the Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the articles to be acted upon.

Article 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose Dr. N. W. Sanborn.

Article 2.—To see if the town will accept Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890 in regard to a Free Public Library.

Voted to accept the provisions of said chapter.

Article 3.—To see if the Town will vote to choose all Town Officers that are to be chosen by ballot, all on one ballot, or act or do anything relating thereto.

Voted to accept Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1890, the Town to furnish ballots for the annual meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham, and Norfolk, constituting the Eighth Representative District in Norfolk County:—

On the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1894, the Town Clerks of the above named Towns met at the Town House in Franklin and examined and compared transcripts of the record of votes cast on the sixth day of November for Representatives in the Eighth District in said County, and ascertained that Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham and William S. White of Foxborough were duly elected, and issued certificates of their election, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, and one to the Constable of Wrentham, and one to the Constable of Foxborough, to be served by them on said Whitaker and White respectively.

The Vote.

Alfred F. Everett of Franklin, one hundred twenty,	120
Charles F. Howard of Foxborough, five hundred eighty-two,	582
Proctor P. Lewis of Foxborough, eighty-one,	81
Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham, twelve hundred ninety-four,	1294
William S. White of Foxborough, eleven hundred thirty-four,	1134
John F. Reardon of Medway, six,	6
Daniel Brown of Wrentham, one,	1
Charles Tarbell of Foxborough, three,	3
Blanks, ten hundred forty-three,	1043

Witness our hands at Franklin this sixteenth day of November, A. D., 1894.

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham,
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway,
ORESTES T. DOE, Town Clerk of Franklin,
LEWIS E. GRAY, Town Clerk of Foxborough,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham.
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The town voted $25 for decoration purposes, and it was given to the same committee as last year to expend. By consulting with them, I find they divided it as follows: Henry W. Pickering of Woonsocket Post, $5; Abiram W. Wales of Medway Post, $10; and James O. Richardson of Franklin Post, $10. The executive committee of the Centre, thinking perhaps something different from the usual program would be acceptable to the public, procured the services of Rev. Mr. Covell of Worcester, a competent speaker and old soldier. As the appropriation by the town was insufficient for the expenses, a contribution was taken and money enough procured to supply the deficiency. As has been the custom for several years, the Franklin Post, Sons of Veterans, and Relief Corps came the Sunday before Decoration Day. At 2 o'clock P. M. exercises at the cemetery were performed by the Post. From there they proceeded to the church, where the following program was given: Prayer by Rev. J. M. Rockwood; singing by the choir; speaking by Comrades Mason and Haslam, and an address by Rev. Mr. Covell.

At North Bellingham, Medway Post came as usual and performed their part of the exercises, which, with the following program, made the occasion one of unusual interest. The exercises were as follows: Prayer by Rev. Lucian Drury, pastor of the church; singing under the direction of E. B. Stowe; exercises by pupils of the Webster school, and a poem written and delivered by Miss Ruby Wales. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Elbridge Grant, the services of Rev. Mr. Richards of East Blackstone were secured, who delivered a stirring address.

The morning of Decoration Day, Henry W. Pickering, with comrades from Smith Post of Woonsocket, R. I., visited the cemetery at Rakeville, and with appropriate ceremonies decorated the graves of the deceased soldiers. We would suggest the idea of the town appropriating money enough to enable the schools from the several districts to have Memorial services at the Town Hall, as was done two years ago.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1894.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Jan. 16,	George Nourse,	41	No. Attleborough,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Carrie E. Whitney,	42	Bellingham.	
March 14,	T. Oliver Dowd,	49	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Lillian L. Chilson,	26	Bellingham	
April 18,	John E. O'Rourke,	20	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Mary Heffernan,	24	No. Bellingham.	
May 5,	Vernon C. Sproul,	26	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Mabel A. Partridge,	19	Bellingham.	
June 20,	Edmond L. Hodgkin,	20	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Irene F. Fisk,	19	Bellingham.	
June 27,	Frank E. Willard,	27	Medway,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Alice A. Arnold,	24	No. Bellingham.	
July 8,	Patrick Murphy,	30	No. Bellingham,	Rev Thomas B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Mary Cavanaugh,	26	No. Bellingham.	
Aug. 29,	Charles H. Towle,	27	Concord,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Jennie L. Whitney,	27	Bellingham.	
Sept. 2,	Albert Labadie,	21	Milford,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney
At Medway,	Mary Jane Pigeon,	18	Bellingham.	
Sept. 25,	George C. Bruce,	27	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
	Christie A. Langhill,	23	Bellingham.	
Oct. 28,	Daniel Dee,	21	No. Bellingham,	Rev Thomas B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Maggie Denihan,	25	No. Bellingham.	
Dec. 25	Thomas P. Hickey,	25	Milford,	Rev. James T. Canavan.
At Milford,	Lottie F. Davis,	20	Bellingham.	
Dec. 26,	John R. Wilson,	18	No. Bellingham,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Mary Ann Byron,	22	Franklin	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1894.

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan. 5,	Victoria Elizabeth Sylvester,	Gideon Y. and Helen N. (Marsh).
Jan. 8,	Benjamin Emmet Beazley,	John and Catharine (Kennelly).
Jan. 21,	Mildred Wynona Bates,	George E. and Emma (St. George.)
Feb. 10,	Henry Allen,	Patrick and Maggie (Foley).
Feb. 22,	Blanche Nadeau,	Victor and Josephine M. (Garguillon).
Feb. 27,	Mabel Francis Care,	Albert and Nettie (McKincey).
April 5,	John William Rutherford,	James W. and Bessie E. (Corbett).
April 22,	Thomas Albert Fitzpatrick,	William and Mary (Gafferney).
May 6,	Francis Earl Pickering,	Frank P. and Hattie (Darling).
May 8,	Ida Lora Girard,	Joseph and Lodie (Roberts).
June 8,	John Williams Graves,	James L. and Lizzie A. (Williams).
June 10,	Etta May Tingley,	Martin V. and Isabelle (Gardiner).
June 22,	Adams,	Stewart and Martha (Rutherford).
July 2,	Gertrude Josephine Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora E (Warfield).
Aug. 1,	Claribel Macy,	John and Sophia (Lucier).
Aug. 8,	Jessie Cora Migneault,	Edward F. and Emma M. (Gaudette).
Aug. 20,	Earl Paul,	Charles W. and Cora L. (Dodge).
Aug. 23,	Winnifred Sarah Dallachie,	Archibald G and Sarah (Sherman).
Aug. 26,	John Raymond Kennelly,	James E. and Julia (Sullivan).
Sept. 15,	Ernest Elmer Thayer,	Walter H. and Edith A. (Clark).
Sept 15,	Eugene Riorden,	Eugene and Johanna (Ryan).
Sept 16,	Edward Lyons Deeley,	James S. and Rosetta (Lyons).
Oct. 16,	Lora Mary Duba.	James and Alice (Duchan).
Nov. 8,	Margaret Theresa Desmond,	Cornelius and Mary (Foley).
Nov. 15,	Frank Rockwood Phillips,	Charles J. and Orinda (Rockwood).
Dec. 12,	Francis Metcalf,	Edward B and Etta (Fuller).
Dec. 30,	John Allen,	John and Maggie (McMahan).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1894.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 21,	Mary C. Davis,	81	9		Cerebral Clot.
Feb. 24,	Philomine Auclair.	54	1	12	Pneumonia.
Feb. 28,	Emeline Wood,	77	5	27	Heart Disease.
March 20,	Harold A. Bassett,		9		Scarlet Fever.
April 8,	Annie J. Palmer,	23	8	17	Phthisis.
April 9,	Albert C Spencer,	76	7	3	Paralysis.
April 18,	Robert E. Colburn,		4	18	Cerebral Meningitis.
April 27,	Fred S. Bates,	35			Railroad Accident.
May 10,	Ernest E. Perham,	15	3	13	Hip Disease.
May 16,	Susan E. Boulster.	70	7		Apoplexy.
May 26,	Albert L. Cook,	78	2	23	Paralysis
June 18,	Ellen E. Norcross,	77	11	19	Dysentery.
June 22,	Adams,				Stillborn.
June 30,	Edward Francis,		8		Diphtheria.
July 21,	Lillian M. Skinner,	31	11	26	Glandular Tuberculosis.
July 25,	Levi Lincoln Chase,	67	5	19	Pneumonia
Aug. 20,	Luther Everton,	72	2		Bright's Disease.
Oct. 6,	Betsey Cook,	97		7	Old Age
Oct. 17,	Frank Garriepe,	17	2	10	Typhoid Fever.
Oct. 19,	Mary Elizabeth Burr,	34			Consumption.
Nov. 29,	Alexander Watt,	80			Uraemia.
Dec. 21,	Phebe Jillson,	83			Cancer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen present the following report, to show the tax-payers how their money has been expended.

It is the same old story of expenditures exceeding appropriations. The indebtedness of the Town has increased the past year, in spite of the fact that a sum was raised to reduce it. As long as Town officers pursue the "go-as-you-please" policy," the Town debt, although small, yet like Banquo's ghost, it will not down.

We recommend that proper steps be taken to make the road leading from Mr. Charles Thayer's to Woonsocket a state road as far as the Rhode Island line; thereby relieving the Town of quite a burden. The guide-boards were nearly all repaired in 1893, consequently nothing has been done to them the past year.

TEACHING SCHOOLS AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid S. E. Colby, Longfellow school,	$197 00	
M. Morgan, " "	10 10	
E. A. Lindsey, " "	110 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	9 87	
Geeorge E. Aldrich, Webster school,	338 00	
Maud Morton,	197 00	
Agnes M. Blanchard, Webster school,	108 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	8 00	
Lillian Hodder, Beaver Pond,	270 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	3 30	
Marion E. Howe, Quinobequin,	270 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	6 25	
M. A. Billings, Massey,	270 00	
Agnes M. Nelson, "	54 00	
Alice Higgins, High,	210 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	18 35	
Carrie E. Daniels, Chilson,	96 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	3 00	
Agnes M. Grant, City,	108 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	4 00	
Eva Warfield, Wilcox,	270 00	
Care of schoolhouse,	3 00	
Charles W. Aldrich,	218 00	
E. P. Hubbard,	174 00	
		$2,955 87

FUEL.

Paid D. G. Marston,	$ 6 50	
Waldo White,	1 75	
J. E. Camp,	20 78	
Ray Woolen Co.,	29 27	
A. W. Cook,	36 00	
A. G. Burr,	6 05	
A. A. Aldrich,	58 38	
W. C. Mann,	6 50	
George R. Drake,	4 36	
L. F. Thayer,	58 06	
J. A. Simpson,	5 00	
		$232 65
		$3,188 52
Appropriation,		2,300 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$888 52

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Ed E. Babb,	$ 30 86	
Ed E. Babb,	37 23	
American Book Co.,	100 40	
American Book Co.,	34 96	
American Book Co.,	7 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5 74	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	14 79	
George S. Perry,	18 08	
George S. Perry,	22 74	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	6 25	
Ginn & Co.,	37 50	
George F. King & Merrill,	2 45	
Vail & Co.,	9 00	
J. L. Hammet,	49 18	
		$376 18
Appropriation,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$176 18

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		$150 00
Paid J. L. Hammet,	$ 4 64	
N. B. Sanborn,	4 38	
A. W. Cook,	50	
A. W. Cook,	27 65	
O. J. Chilson,	6 03	

N. W. Sanborn,	$ 7 32	
A. A. Aldrich,	7 83	
A. W. Cook,	13 70	
C. W. Wilcox,	5 00	
E. B. Stowe,	5 26	
F. J. Dutcher,	1 32	
H. Wells,	2 25	
R. Ferry,	4 80	
		$90 68
Unexpended,		$59 32

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid C. A. Wood,	$ 2 70	
Woonsocket Lumber Co.,	14 32	
W. P. Greenwood,	3 37	
Eldredge & Beattey,	9 92	
Z. C. Field,	51 59	
A. M. Smith,	157 30	
F. J. Bemis,	6 15	
Sherman Brothers,	38 75	
H. A. Barney,	9 80	
D. D. Bates,	50 00	
Clark Ellis & Sons,	7 15	
C. E. White,	2 75	
A. W. Cook,	13 76	
D. H. Lawrence,	3 75	
George A. Crooks,	7 46	
B. E. Marble,	36 00	
J. A. Simpson,	54 45	
J. P. Thayer,	75	
		$469 97
Appropriation,		200 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$269 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. F. Thayer, Town Treasurer,	$ 50 00
R. F. Thayer, Selectman and Registrar,	35 00
O. Chilson, " "	30 00
E. B. Stowe, " "	28 00
George A. Crooks, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
George Nelson, " "	15 00
N. A. Cook, Assessor,	53 00
W. E. Howes, "	34 50
C. E. White, "	41 25
W. A. McKean, " 1893-'94,	37 00

N. W. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools,	$110 00	
E. E. Sherman, " "	307 00	
H. A. Whitney, Town Clerk,	65 05	
H. A. Whitney, Constable and Truant Officer,	7 50	
D. O. Evans, Constable,	5 00	
John Macy, Police,	5 00	
S. E. Scott, "	5 00	
George Gerstle, Police,	5 00	
E. Grant, Auditor,	10 00	
Elwin M. Taft, Truant Officer,	2 00	
W. E. Fairbanks, Moderator,	5 00	
		$900 30
Appropriation,		500 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$400 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,			$1,200 00
Paid Overseers' orders,		$2,665 76	
Received from town farm,	$1,837 06		
Cash from Overseers,	27 72		
		1,864 78	
			800 98
Unexpended,			$399 02

PRINTING.

Appropriation,	$100 00
Paid G. M. Billings,	96 09
Unexpended,	$3 91

DECORATION DAY.

Paid James O. Richardson,	$25 00
Appropriation,	25 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,			$50 00
Paid V. B. Rockwood,		$33 07	
Orrin Chilson,		8 80	
			41 87
Unexpended,			$8 13

TRAMPS.

J. P. Thayer, care of 189 tramps at 16 2-3 cents each,		$31 50
1 cord wood,		3 75
1 pail,		15
		$35 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. A. Aldrich, traveling expenses, (School Committee,)	$18 72	
A. W. Cook, traveling expense,	6 50	
N. W. Sanborn, traveling expenses and book agent,	18 72	
Avery & Woodbury, 5 dozen chairs for Town House,	32 50	
P. P. Cook, watering tub,	5 00	
E. D. Wilcox, watering tub,	5 00	
John P. Thayer, watering tub,	10 00	
Waldo Bros., drain pipe,	39 00	
George E. Allen, road scraper and freight,	17 00	
James O. Richardson, Daniel Sullivan, George H. Gerstle, ballot clerks and supervisors,	7 75	
Dr. N. W. Sanborn, medical services on Mary Wall case	5 20	
Dr. C. A. Bemis, medical services on Mary Wall case,	6 00	
H. A. Whitney, services on Mary Wall case,	4 14	
C. E. White, inspector of cattle,	46 00	
E. L. Burdakin, examining titles,	15 19	
Alice A. Burr, town library,	25 00	
H. R. Chilson, hens killed by dogs,	3 00	
Williams & Williams, attorneys,	5 44	
N. A. Cook, H. A. Whitney and C. Fairbanks, fire wardens,	17 50	
Catherine Meagher, teaching school, old bill,	19 00	
Town of Franklin, tuition of Sadie E. McCarthy and Ruby M. Wales,	14 00	
V. B. Rockwood, and seventy-six others, fighting fires,	93 20	
		$413 86
Appropriation,		150 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$263 86

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Teaching schools, care of schoolhouses and fuel,	$3,188 52	$2,300 00
School books,	376 18	200 00
School supplies,	90 68	150 00
Repair of Town buildings,	469 97	200 00
Town officers,	900 30	500 00
Support of poor,	800 98	1,200 00
Printing,	96 09	100 00
Decoration Day,	25 00	25 00
Cemeteries,	41 87	50 00
Tramps,	35 40	
Highways,	1,285 98	1,200 00
Highways, special appropriation,	512 65	500 00
Snow bills,	68 73	
Bridges and railings,	110 24	50 00
Miscellaneous,	413 86	150 00
	$8,416 45	$6,625 00

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Support of schools,	$2,000 00
School books,	150 00
School supplies,	150 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Repairs of highways,	1,200 00
Repair of Town buildings,	200 00
Interest on Town debt,	100 00
Repair of cemeteries,	50 00
Repair of guide-boards,	10 00
For Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	100 00
Decoration Day,	25 00
Town officers,	600 00
Care of tramps,	25 00
Fire wardens,	25 00
Miscellaneous,	400 00
	$6,035 00

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I find the above properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The special appropriation has put the Scott Hill road in a fair condition and also the road from Gorman's to the Blackstone line. Bridges and railings have received needed repairs.

Bates Hill needs much repairing to put it in a suitable condition, and the Chestnut-street road is in need of repairs. The roads in the Centre are in good condition. Depot street road and North Main street road have received extensive repairs.

The Caryville trench bridge will have to be replanked, and it will need something for repair of railings the coming season. The roads are in fair condition.

The guide-boards are in good condition, with few exceptions.

The Commissioners would recommend that one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) be raised above the usual appropriation, for mowing brush.

We also recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to consult the State Highway Commissioners in regard to building a State highway from the junction of Wrentham, South Main and Central streets to the Rhode Island line.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid S. E. Scott, Road Commissioner, bill:—

One horse,	5 hours,	$	63
Two horses,	62 "	15	50
Three horses,	30 "	11	25
Four horses,	58 "	29	00
Five horses,	15 "	9	38
S. E. Scott, labor,	153 "	26	79
Frank Tyler, labor,	157 "	23	55
Henry Wilbur, labor,	25 "	3	75
James Brothers, labor,	65 "	9	75
George Crooks, labor ,	107 "	16	05
Charles Aldrich, labor,	64 "	9	60
——— Walker, labor,	95 "	14	25
Chas. Phillips, labor,	35 "	5	25
Stephen Brothers, labor,	35 "	5	25
Albert Aldrich, labor,	13 "	1	95
Malcolm Pickering, labor,	82 "	12	30
W. B. Scott, labor,	27 "	4	05

Sharpening tools,				$ 1 65	
2 rakes,				1 00	
Dynamite and fuse,				2 75	
S. E. Scott, two horses,	155	hours,		38 75	
S. E. Scott, labor,	80	hours,		14 00	
Fred Rhodes, "	60	"		9 00	
Herbert Sweet, "	110	"		16 50	
Will Scott, "	65	"		9 75	
L. Whitney, "	80	"		12 00	
C. Brown, "	40	"		6 00	
Frank Crooks, "	85	"		12 75	
George Crooks, "	50	"		7 50	
Frank Tyler, "	70	"		10 50	
Frank Gay, "	70	"		10 50	
Bert Hancock, "	10	"		1 50	
Ed McQuade, "	15	"		2 25	
George Staples, two horses,	15	"		3 75	
L. F. Thayer, two horses,	40	"		10 00	
L. F. Thayer, four horses,	40	"		20 00	
L. F. Thayer, labor,	40	"		7 00	
H. Cook, "	40	"		6 00	
G. Gerrish, "	47½	"		4 50	
C. Marble, "	10	"		1 50	
G. Nourse, "	30	"		4 50	
A. Trask, 82 loads gravel,				3 28	
C. Pall, 93 loads gravel,				3 72	
					$418 95
Paid L. Francis Thayer, Road Commissioner:—					
Four horses on road machine,	52½	hours,		$ 26 25	
Two horses on cart,	491	"		122 75	
L. F. Thayer, labor,	290	"		50 75	
H. Cook, "	315	"		47 25	
Alonzo Whitney, "	357	"		53 55	
George Gerrish, "	161½	"		24 23	
Frank Gay, "	197	"		29 55	
Charles Marble, "	194	"		29 10	
Comfort Brown, "	69	"		10 35	
Bert Hancock, "	128	"		19 20	
George Nourse, "	190	"		28 50	
James Graves, "	55	"		8 25	
Samuel Snodgrass, "	6	"		90	
Mrs. H. Bates, 146 loads of gravel,				5 84	
S. J. Lawrence, 60 "		"		2 40	
George O'Connor, 7 "		"		28	
Dynamite and fuse and repair of tools,				5 25	
2 rakes,				1 00	
3 shovels,				1 25	
					466 65

Paid J. E. Camp, Road Commissioner:—			
J. E. Camp, 108 hours at 17 1-2 cents,		$18 90	
J. E. Camp, 2 horses and cart 614 hours at 25 cents,		153 50	
J. Gibson,	60 hours at 15 cts,	9 00	
Edward Lipsey,	92 " "	13 80	
Fred Metcalf,	172 " "	25 80	
Simon Burke,	10 " "	1 50	
Lewis McKean,	62 " "	9 30	
Robt. McGuire,	180 " "	27 00	
Cornelius Crowley,	228 " "	34 20	
Elmer Nourse,	50 " "	7 50	
James McGuire,	80 " "	12 00	
William Ware,	40 " "	6 00	
John Cushion,	160 " "	24 00	
Jerome Christian,	110 " "	16 50	
Edward Bennett,	60 " "	9 00	
Francis McGuire,	48 " "	7 20	
Peter Riley,	30 " "	4 50	
Eugene Hamlet,	28 " "	4 20	
J. E. Camp, 50 loads gravel,		2 00	
Fred Bemis, 105 loads of gravel,		4 20	
Addison Adams estate, 70 loads gravel,		2 80	
Francis Metcalf, 187 loads of gravel,		7 48	
			$400 38
			$1,285 98
Appropriation,			1,200 00
Exceeded appropriation,			$85 98

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Paid L. F. Thayer and S. E. Scott, Road Commissioners:—			
S. E. Scott, horses on cart	260 hours,	$65 00	
L. F. Thayer, " "	250 "	62 50	
Will Burr, " "	45 "	11 25	
L. F. Thayer, labor,	90 "	15 75	
S. E. Scott, "	260 "	45 50	
Bert Hancock, "	200 "	30 00	
Comfort Brown, "	256 "	38 40	
Charles Marble, "	170 "	25 50	
Frank Crooks, "	261 "	39 15	
M. Pickering, "	185 "	27 75	
George Crooks, "	255 "	38 25	
Orlando Cook, "	144 "	21 60	
John Skief, "	134 "	20 10	
Tom Carr, "	34 "	5 10	

Steve Brothers, labor,	22 hours.	$ 3 30	
John Waterman, "	20 "	3 00	
Albert Walker, "	95 "	14 25	
H. Sweet, "	40 "	6 00	
Bert Trask, "	45 "	6 75	
Frank Tyler, "	30 "	4 50	
H. Walker, "	50 "	7 50	
Frank Gay, "	50 "	7 50	
Alonzo Whitney, "	60 "	9 00	
Dynamite and fuse,		5 00	
			$512 65
Appropriation,			500 00
Exceeded appropriation,			$12 65

S. E. SCOTT'S SNOW BILLS.

Paid S. E. Scott, for 2 horses 17 hours,		$ 4 25	
S. E. Scott, 4 horses 21 "		10 50	
S. E. Scott, labor, 40 "		8 95	
W. B. Scott, " 40 "		8 00	
George Grijnon, " 39 "		7 80	
Almon ———, " 16 "		3 20	
W. White, " 16 "		3 20	
Frank Crooks, " 16 "		3 20	
			$49 10

M. J. CONNOLLY'S SNOW BILLS.

Paid M. J. Connolly, 12 hours,		$2 40	
M. J. Connolly, 4 horses, 12 hours,		6 00	
P. O'Neal, labor, 15 "		3 00	
G. Sylvester, " 8 "		1 60	
John Kennedy, " 3 "		60	
W. E. Howes, " 2 "		40	
			14 00

L. F. THAYER'S SNOW BILLS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, 4 horses, 5 hours,		$2 50	
L. F. Thayer, labor, 5 "		88	
T. Gay, " 5 "		75	
Bert Hancock, " 5 "		75	
S. Snodgrass, " 5 "		75	
			5 63
			$68 73

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Paid L. F. Thayer's bill,	$ 18 54
J. E. Camp's bill, bridge at Caryville,	60 45
J. E. Camp's bill, bridge at North Bellingham,	31 25
	$110 24
Appropriation,	50 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$60 24

L. F. THAYER,
JUDSON E. CAMP,
STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
Road Commissioners.

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 12, 1895.

I have audited the above report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS.

Support of schools,	$2,300 00	
Bank tax, surplus revenue,	165 00	
School fixtures and supplies,	150 00	
School books,	200 00	
Highways,	1,200 00	
Highways, (special appropriation,)	500 00	
Bridges and railings,	50 00	
Guide boards,	10 00	
Support of poor,	1,200 00	
Repair of Town buildings,	200 00	
Miscellaneous,	150 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Interest,	225 00	
Town debt,	300 00	
Town officers,	500 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Decoration Day,	25 00	
Aid under Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	200 00	
Superintendent of schools,	250 00	
Cost to buy land,	125 00	
Town library,	25 00	
State tax,	600 00	
County tax,	687 65	
Overlayings,	457 76	
		$9,670 41

RECEIPTS.

From Massachusetts school fund,	$ 333 55	
National bank tax,	94 69	
Corporation tax,	1 53	
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of '89,	48 00	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of '89,	366 50	
Dog tax,	219 43	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector for '93, in full,	1,820 83	
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector for '94,	7,361 68	

om John P. Thayer, receipts from Town Hall,	$ 34	50		
Worcester Mutual Insurance Co.,	31	25		
Martin V. Tingley, cutting wood,	30	94		
Overseers of the Poor, receipts from Town Farm,	1,864	78		
			$12,207	68
Due Town Treasurer,			1,102	15
			$13,309	83

EXPENDITURES.

aid Selectmen's orders,	$10,281	25		
State tax,	600	00		
County tax,	687	65		
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	477	00		
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	104	00		
Abated taxes, 1893,	64	68		
Maria Costello's note and interest,	200	00		
Interest in anticipation of taxes,	60	00		
Interest on Baptist society's note,	37	92		
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, salary for 1893,	107	27		
Postage and stationery,	4	50		
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Sarah Holbrook's lot,	2	00		
Orrin Chilson, labor on Barber lot,	1	00		
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Abigail Eaton's lot,	4	45		
John P. Thayer, Town House expenses,	18	50		
R. F. Thayer, balance last year's account,	360	60		
Ann Matthews, land and expenses,	105	00		
Insurance on Massey schoolhouse,	37	50		
Insurance on Webster schoolhouse,	25	00		
Insurance on Longfellow schoolhouse,	6	75		
Insurance on Almshouse and Town House,	5	20		
Town of Natick, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	60	58		
Martin V. Tingley, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	59	00		
			$13,309	85

CEMETERY FUND HELD IN TRUST.

enedict fund,	$45	50		
Interest,	1	82		
			$47	32

A. P. Eaton fund,	$58 15	
Expended,	4 45	
		$ 53 70
S. B. Holbrook fund,	$113 55	
Expended,	2 00	
		111 55
E. Barber fund,	$33 19	
Expended,	1 00	
		32 19
Jarvis Cook fund,		50 00
		$294 76

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	$147 65	
Received from Complaint No. 381,	5 00	
		$152 65

Expenses.

Justice N. A. Cook:—	No. 379	$11 96	
" "	380	7 98	
" "	381	2 80	
" "	383	3 19	
" "	384	3 00	
" "	385	10 47	
Justice Samuel Warner,	1889	13 39	
Justice R. G. Fairbanks,	53	1 63	
Cash on hand,		98 23	
			$152 65

LIABILITIES.

Two outstanding notes,	$1,632 00
Due Town Treasurer,	1,102 15
Due Town officers,	500 00
	$3,234 15

ASSETS.

Due from State, aid, Chap. 301, Act 1889,	$ 82 00

Due from State, aid, Chap. 279, Act. 1889,	$ 24 00	
Due from Collector Fairbanks,	2,308 73	
Town debt,	819 42	
		$3,234 15

R. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I have audited above Treasurer's account and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have this year turned over all receipts monthly to the Town Treasurer, and each month approved bills and drawn orders on Town Treasurer, he paying all bills. We are well pleased with this method.

We have endeavored to transact all our business when we met at the Almshouse each month, and then and there to inform the Superintendent of our wishes for the next month.

We are pleased to say that we have re-engaged Mr. and Mrs. Simpson for another year, being well satisfied with their management.

Milton Holbrook was brought to the Farm Sept. 11, from Worcester, and doing so well was allowed to go to his brother's Oct. 23. Sarah Cross was taken back to the Farm April 14. Bridget Burke's health has not been as good as usual. The other inmates are comfortable.

We have granted outside aid to the amount of $19 to Theresa Burns, daughter of Bridget Burke. We have two cases where we have given aid at the Farm, and have not received payment from towns where they belong.

The horse barn was in a worse condition than we thought. We have put a good cellar under it, and fixed it up so it will last a while. But it may seem best to build a new barn in the near future.

We recommend $1200 for support of the poor this year; we also recommend some improvements on the lockup.

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

Farm expenses:—					
Stock,	$299	88	Seeds,	$26	37
Labor,	190	35	Pigs,	18	50
Fertilizer,	96	90	Bob runners,	18	00
Milk sold at car,	64	29	Ex. harness,	15	00
Democrat wagon,	50	00	Hens,	13	25
Hardware and farming tools,	49	53	Rep'g harness,	10	31
Blacksmithing,	33	47	Cabbage and tomato plants,	9	16
Chopping,	30	94	Bull service,	7	75
			Eggs, hatching,	5	20
			Grinding corn,	4	75

Seed potatoes,	$3 20	
Horse blankets,	2 00	
Dog license,	2 00	
Nails,	1 53	
Lime,	1 10	
Boar service,	1 00	
Making cider,	1 00	
Axle grease,	25	
Measuring wood,	24	
Weighing hay,	10	
		$956 07
Grain and feed stuff:—		
Meal,	$191 96	
Oats,	124 63	
Shorts,	98 99	
Gluten,	55 70	
Wheat,	43 73	
Cracked corn,	24 39	
Cotton seed,	17 40	
Whole corn,	10 22	
Scraps,	2 31	
Animal meal,	2 00	
Linseed meal,	1 40	
Oyster shells,	1 35	
Ground bone,	60	
		$574 68
Salary:—		
E. W. Woodbury,	$112 50	
J. A. Simpson,	225 00	
		$337 50
Groceries:—		
Butter,	$57 79	
Flour,	51 75	
Sugar,	33 87	
Tea,	20 18	
Cheese,	10 44	
Soap,	9 25	
Oil,	8 07	
Crackers,	7 58	
Small groceries,	6 37	
Molasses,	5 70	
Coffee,	$2 49	
Beans,	2 40	
Oat meal,	2 11	
Raisins,	2 00	
Bolted meal,	1 50	
Lemons,	1 50	
Cream tartar,	1 44	
Yeast cakes,	1 32	
Chimneys,	1 25	
Matches,	88	
Salt,	88	
Nutmegs,	70	
		$229 47
Meat,	$96 20	
Carpets and chairs,	58 54	
Dry goods,	51 67	
Fish,	19 81	
Stoves,	16 00	
Tobacco and pipes,	15 23	
Stove pipe, zinc etc.,	10 03	
Dishes,	10 00	
Shoes,	8 80	
Coal,	8 65	
Medical aid,	7 70	
Table,	5 50	
Brooms, tacks and sundries,	5 16	
Ice,	3 75	
Medicine,	3 35	
Pork and lard,	3 07	
Bedstead,	3 00	
Mattress,	2 00	
Onions,	1 00	
Pails,	63	
Spectacles,	35	
		$330 34
		$2,428 16

INCIDENTALS.

Traveling expenses to Worcester,	$8 65
Stamps, postal cards, and ink,	1 96
Advertising,	1 50

Stationery,	$1 40	
Writing contract,	1 00	
Rubber stamp and pad,	1 00	
Ledger,	50	
		$16 01

OLD BILLS PAID.

A. H. Sweet, drugs and medicine, '88 and '89,	$15 30	
G. M. Billings, Milford Gazette, '91, '92,	3 05	
Mr. Thompson, oysters, etc., 1892,	1 60	
Wm. Baker, horse shoeing, 1893,	1 25	
Mr. Ware, filing saws, 1893,	1 22	
		$22 42

OUTSIDE AID.

Worcester Lunatic hospital, care of Milton Holbrook,	$127 13	
Worcester Lunatic hospital, care of Mary Watt,	32 04	
Town of Watertown, aid to Theresa Burns,	19 00	
Town of Hinsdale, paid through F. E. Osborne, case of Fred S. Bates, (The family paying balance and also intend to reimburse the Town for this amount)	21 00	
		$199 17

RECEIPTS AT THE TOWN FARM.

Milk,	$662 58	Old iron,	$4 05
Sleepers,	330 55	Tomatoes,	3 55
Stock,	186 80	Timber,	3 50
Wood,	115 34	Peas,	3 40
Corn,	93 48	Premiums at fair,	3 40
Eggs,	70 82	Turnips,	3 30
Work on Town bldg's,	55 25	Celery,	2 60
Chickens,	47 81	Use of horse,	2 50
Hay,	39 50	Onions,	2 00
Pork,	30 67	Stove,	2 00
Apples,	30 05	Old chests,	1 75
Cabbage,	26 16	Castrating boars,	1 50
Keeping horses,	24 00	Carrots,	1 45
Potatoes,	21 73	Keeping pig,	1 00
Boarders,	21 60	Beans,	79
Vinegar,	13 25	Butchering,	50
Calves,	11 88	Ringing bull,	50
Beets,	7 58	Parsnips,	30
Clover seed,	5 10		
Cucumbers,	4 82		$1,837 06

AMOUNT DUE TOWN FARM.

January milk, estimated,	$50 00	
Mrs. Pitman's board,	22 50	
John E. Fisher's board,	23 75	
Mr. Jenckes, care of Taylor stock,	25 00	
		$121 25

All bills against Town Farm are paid.

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JANUARY 31, 1895.

Land and buildings,		$3,200 00
18 tons English hay,	$297 00	
1 1-2 tons M. hay,	12 00	
		309 00
9 cows,		306 00
Household goods,		300 00
2 horses,		250 00
223 fowls,		133 80
15 cords wood, cut for stove,	$60 00	
15 cords wood, oak,	45 00	
5 cords wood, chestnut,	10 00	
		115 00
2-horse wagon,		95 00
2-horse cart,		75 00
Ex. wagon, top and pole,		65 00
Double harness,	$25 00	
Ex. harness,	15 00	
Ex. harness,	8 00	
Parts of harness,	4 00	
		52 00
2-horse sled,		50 00
Farm wagon,		50 00
Democrat wagon,		40 00
Mowing machine,		35 00
3 hogs,		33 00
Tedder,		25 00
Horse rake,		20 00
Bob runners,		18 00
Brushes and curry-combs,		$1 50
6 hand drills,		1 50
Feed trough,		1 50
4 jumpers,		1 25
5-gallon keg and tubing,		1 25
Mattock,		1 00
Measures,		1 00
Surcingles,		1 00
Wagon jack,		1 00
2 axes,		1 00
Meat bench,		1 00
Whitewash brushes,		1 00
2 water-pots,		1 00
Pop-corn,		1 00
Saw set,		90
Harness punch,		90
Lumber and shingles,		6 00
Carpenter tools,		6 00
Horse hoe,		6 00
Turnips,		6 00
Sugar,		6 00
Chains,		5 50
Hay cutter,		5 00
Tackle and block,		5 00
2-horse scraper,		5 00
Handcuffs,		5 00
Grindstone,		5 00
3 wheelbarrows,		5 00
Hose,		4 50
6 bushels rye,		4 50
Ice saw,		4 50
Street lamp,		4 50
2 bushels herdsgrass,		4 00
Ladder and hook,		4 00

Spading harrow,	$15 00	Stone drag,	$4 00
Flour,	12 00	Horse blankets,	3 50
Grain,	10 75	3 breaking and drilling hammers,	3 50
2 plows,	10 00	Potatoes,	3 50
Carrots,	10 00	Coal,	3 25
Stove,	10 00	7 manure forks,	3 00
Lincoln creamer,	10 00	Old mowing machine,	3 00
Seed sower,	10 00	Scythes and sticks,	3 00
Vinegar,	8 00	Pickles,	3 00
Hand grenades,	7 62	3 pairs ice tongs,	3 00
Door frames,	7 50	Seed sweet corn,	3 00
2 churns,	7 00	Wash boilers,	3 00
Beets,	6 50	Saws and saw-horse,	3 00
Pork,	6 50	Stove,	3 00
Whiffletrees and evener,	2 25	Orchard-grass seed,	2 50
Soap,	2 25	Beans,	2 50
Hewing axe,	2 25	Grain cradle,	2 50
Hay knife,	2 00	Parsnips,	2 50
7 shovels,	2 00	3 cranberry rakes,	2 50
9 hoes,	2 00	2 picks and pails,	75
Jockey stick,	2 00	Pulley and rope,	75
2 iron bars,	2 00	2 iron rakes,	50
Baskets,	2 00	Hay rakes,	50
4 hay forks,	2 00	4 corn-cutters,	50
Pails,	2 00	Hog hook,	50
Wheels and axles,	2 00	Cultivator,	50
Old harrows,	2 00	Squash,	50
Oil,	2 00	Paris green and hellebore,	50
Butter,	2 00	Trowel,	50
Canned goods,	2 00	Plaster smoother and hod,	50
Soap grease,	2 00	Neatsfoot oil,	50
Tea, spices, etc.,	2 00	Sheep shears,	50
Cross-cut saw,	2 00	Barn broom,	50
Horse clippers,	2 00	Putty knife,	25
Barbed wire,	2 00	Muck hook,	25
Molasses,	1 50		
Apples,	1 50		$5,522 97

TRAMPS FROM FEB. 1, 1894, TO FEB. 1, 1895.

February,	23	August,	10
March,	29	September,	5
April,	29	October,	15
May,	5	November,	32
June,	2	December,	12
July,	2	January,	25

Total number, 189, at 16 2-3 cents,	$31 50	
1 cord wood,	3 75	
1 pail,	15	
		$35 40

INMATES AT THE FARM.

	Age.	Weeks.
James M. Bates,	86	52
John Phillips,	82	52
Oliver Gardiner,	71	52
Bridget Burke,	50	52
Clarissa Adams,	43	52
Sarah Cross,	36	41 4-7
Milton Holbrook,		6
		307 4-7

Average age of six inmates now at Farm, 61 1-3 years.

Cost of inmates at Town Farm, keeping property good, but not including interest:—

Appraisal February 3, 1894,	$5,631 97	
Appraisal January 31, 1895,	5,522 97	
Loss in appraisal,		$109 00

Amount paid by Town Treasurer from appropriation for repair of Town buildings:—

Repairs at Town Farm,	$292 54	
Loss in appraisal,	109 00	
Net expense at Town Farm,	591 10	
		$992 64
Less amount due Town Farm,		121 25
Total cost,		$871 39

307 weeks' board at $2.83 per week.
374 " " 3.82 " last year.
378 " " 4.53 " year before.

RECEIPTS.

Full amount of orders drawn on Ruel F. Thayer, Town Treasurer,		$2,665 76
Money received from the following sources and turned over to the Town Treasurer:—		
Income at the Town Farm,	$1,837 06	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1894,	27 72	
		1,864 78
Full amount taken from treasury,		$800 98

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at the Farm,	$2,428 16	
Outside aid,	199 17	
Old bills paid,	22 42	
Incidentals,	16 01	
		$2,665 76
Appropriation for support of poor,		$1,200 00
Amount expended,		800 98
Amount unexpended,		$399 02

STATEMENT OF THE HENS.

Fowls as appraised Feb. 3, 1894,	$38 40	
Fowls bought this year,	13 25	
Eggs for hatching,	5 20	
		$56 85
Fowls as appraised Jan. 31, 1895,	$133 80	
Fowls sold this year,	47 81	
Eggs sold this year,	70 82	
		$252 43
Fowls as appraised Jan. 31, 1895, (Fowls and eggs sold,)	$252 43	
Fowls as appraised Feb. 3, 1894, (Fowls and eggs bought,)	56 85	
		$195 58
The grain can only be estimated,		$90 00

This does not include a large number of fowls and eggs used at the Farm.

STATEMENT OF THE COWS.

After July 1, the grain for the cows was bought and kept separate.

Horses', hens' and hogs' grain for 7 months,		$189 11
Cows' grain for 7 months,		$221 19
Milk sold for 7 months,	$528 25	
Less grain,	221 19	
		$307 06

This includes cartage, but does not include a can of milk used daily at the Farm.

Stock appraised Feb. 3, 1894,	$200 00	
Stock bought this year,	299 88	
		$499 88
Stock sold this year,	$186 80	
Stock appraised Jan. 31, 1895,	306 00	
		$492 80

Stock appraised Feb. 3, 1894, and bought since,	$499 88
Stock appraised Jan. 31, 1895, and sold in the year,	492 80
Amount expended to keep stock whole,	$7 08

CARROLL E. WHITE,
GEORGE A. CROOKS,
GEORGE NELSON,
Overseers of the Poor.

I have audited report of Overseers, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. GRANT, Auditor.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, Tax Collector,

From Feb. 5, 1894, to Feb. 5, 1895, in account with the Town of Bellingham.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1893,	$1,768 20	
Interest collected, 1893,	52 63	
Appropriations, 1894,	9,670 41	
		$11,491 24

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By amount paid Treasurer,	$9,065 20	
Amount paid Treasurer, interest,	52 63	
Amount of abatements,	64 68	
Amount due Treasurer,	2,308 73	
		$11,491 24

CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Collector of Taxes.

STATISTICS FROM ASSESSORS' BOOKS.

Total valuation,		$686,495 00
Personal,	$120,350 00	
Real,	$566,145 00	
Number of polls,		373
Horses,		281
Cows,		489
Swine,		25
Dwelling houses,		313 1-2
Acres of land,		10,967 1-4
Fowls,		1420
Rate of tax per $1000,		$13

CARROLL E. WHITE,
WESLEY E. HOWES,
Assessors of Bellingham.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Cemetery Committee submit the following report:—

In the North Bellingham and Centre cemeteries the past year, we have got out many of the brush roots, so it would be better in the future. We have also straightened the headstones, and cemented those that were loose. As most of these headstones were set without any foundation, they will need looking after more or less, every year. We recommend the appropriation of $50 this year.

FUNDS IN TRUST.

Aug. 1, 1894, Benedict fund,		$47 32
June 29, 1894, Abigail Eaton fund,	$58 15	
Expended,	4 45	
		$53 70
Oct. 29, 1894, Sarah Holbrook fund,	$113 55	
Expended,	2 00	
		$111 55
Feb. 18, 1894, Elizabeth Barbour fund,	$33 19	
Expended,	1 00	
		$32 19
Nov. 19, 1894, Jarvis Cook fund,		$50 00
Town appropriation,		$50 00
Expended at South Bellingham,	$ 8 80	
North Bellingham,	17 09	
Center,	15 98	
		41 87
Money unexpended,		$8 13

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
ORRIN CHILSON,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
Cemetery Committee.

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 30, 1895.

At a public Town Meeting held in Town Hall, Bellingham, on March 5, 1894, the Town voted to appropriate twenty-five dollars to secure the gift of one hundred dollars' worth of books from the State, and to elect six Trustees for the terms specified against their names:—

Mrs. Francis Metcalf and Miss Emma Keach for three years; Mrs. Otto L. Bullard and Mrs. Olive Cook for two years; Mrs. Alice A. Burr and Miss Sara T. Rockwood for one year.

Through an error in the wording of the warrant nothing could be done till after the public Town Meeting held Nov. 6, 1894, at which time the Town voted to accept the provisions of said act.

On Dec. 5, 1894, the Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library met and organized, as follows: Miss Sara T. Rockwood, Chairman; Mrs. Alice A. Burr, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Sara T. Rockwood, Librarian; Miss Emma Keach, Assistant Librarian; the place for the Library to be in the house of Mr. Martin Rockwood, the room formerly used for the Post-Office.

On Jan. 28, 1895, the Trustees met and adopted the following rules:—

1. The Library shall be open for the delivery and return of books every Tuesday and Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock, and every Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5.30 o'clock.

2. All residents of Bellingham above the age of fourteen years shall have the right to take from the Library one volume at a time.

3. Each person shall have a card, numbered, and bearing his or her name, which must be shown when receiving or returning books; and no book shall be considered as returned unless delivered to the Librarian or Assistant.

4. All books are loaned for two weeks. Fine, two cents for each day on all books overdue. All fines must be paid before another book is taken.

5. All injuries to books, beyond a reasonable wear, and all losses of books shall be made good to the satisfaction of the

Trustees. No person shall have the privilege of the Library while in arrears for any injuries, fines, or losses.

6. No person shall lend a book to any individual not of the same household.

7. All books shall be returned to the Library on or before the second Saturday of January of each year for examination, under a penalty of twenty-five cents for each book not returned.

8. Any person violating these rules, or intentionally defacing any book by writing or otherwise, or by mutilation in any way, may be debarred by the Trustees, temporarily or permanently, from the use of the Library.

9. On the cover of each book shall be a printed card containing the name of the Library, the number of the book, the shelf number, the time it may be kept, and the fine for detention, and also the State Laws for the preservation of books in Public Libraries.

10. The Librarian shall have charge of the Library, keep the room in order, and allow no person to remove a book from the shelves without her consent. She shall keep a record of all books received into the Library, whether by purchase or gift, and when given, the name of the donor. She shall keep an account of all books loaned, in such form as the Trustees may direct. She shall keep an account of and collect all fines or losses, and pay the same to the Treasurer. She shall receive such compensation as she and the Trustees shall agree upon. She shall deliver no book to any person in violation of any of the foregoing rules.

11. These rules may be amended at any meeting of the Trustees by a vote of the majority of the Board, notice of the proposed change having been previously given.

One hundred and twenty-eight books were received from the State, Jan. 28, 1895.

It was voted to ask the Town for Seventy-five dollars for the ensuing year.

Several books have been donated to the Library, and the Trustees take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all citizens interested in the success of the Library, to forward to the Librarian what books they have to donate, at their earliest convenience.

SARA T. ROCKWOOD, Chairman.

ALICE A. BURR, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1894-95.

MILFORD, MASS.:
C. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1895.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1894-95.

NATHAN W. SANBORN,	Term expires 1895.
ALBERT A. ALDRICH,	" 1896.
A. WHITMAN COOK,	" 1897.

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham:—

At the last annual Town Meeting it was voted to combine with Mendon and Hopedale in forming a district for school supervision.

Early in the spring the Committees of the three towns met in Hopedale and organized by choice of Dr. N. W. Sanborn as Chairman, and Frank J. Dutcher of Hopedale as Secretary. It was announced in the papers that we desired candidates. Applications by mail and applicants at our doors soon became too numerous for our comfort. The joint committee held three meetings, at two of which candidates came before us for examination. These ranged from men already receiving more salary than we could offer, to one whose claim was that he was a college graduate and had had twenty years' experience in the "canning business."

Many of the candidates were at once weeded out, and at last when the final vote was taken, E. E. Sherman of Plymouth, Mass., received the ballot of every member of the Committee of the three towns. It was decided that each town should receive one-third of Mr. Sherman's time, and the expense should also be divided equally.

Mr. Sherman began work May 28, and during the short time he has labored with and for us he has made more than a beginning in getting our schools in line with those of larger towns and cities. He has met with the school board every month, and some of the plans there made have been carried into effect, and other changes will be made as time allows. We congratulate the town on being able, by aid of the state grant, to have so practical and earnest a man at the head of our school department.

At the beginning of the Fall term we opened a high grammar school at the center of the town. We advanced a class

from the lower room and drew some pupils from other parts of the town. At present only one class is following high school studies; the other pupils are studying grammar school branches. As a high school can only be established by vote of the town, we hope that this will be done at the annual meeting.

We present to you the report of our Superintendent. It will bear careful and painstaking reading, and we heartily endorse the views there set forth.

No one realizes more than we do that we have left undone many things we ought to have done, and done many things we ought not to have done during the school year now drawing to a close.

Many of the school buildings need extensive repairs; some of them must be attended to this year. The School Committee do not consider the lot bought by the town at Crooks' corner a suitable location for a school building. It is too small, and, worse yet, it is nearly surrounded by the highway. Something must be done at an early date towards increased school accommodations at the lower part of the town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Town Treasurer has received for school purposes:—

Income of state school fund,	$ 333 55	
" dog tax,	219 43	
" school bank,	25 00	
" surplus revenue,	140 00	
Town appropriation for schools,	2,300 00	
" " school books,	200 00	
" " " supplies,	150 00	
		$3,367 98

The Treasurer has expended:—

Wages of teachers and care of houses,	$2,955 89	
Fuel,	232 65	
School books and supplies,	466 86	
		$3,655 40

An outlay beyond the receipts of $287 42

Respectfully Submitted,

ALBERT A. ALDRICH, Chairman,
A. W. COOK, Secretary,
N. W. SANBORN,
School Committee of Bellingham.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of the Town of Bellingham:—

The first annual report by a Superintendent of the public schools is hereby submitted:—

The winter term began December 11, 1893; this report therefore covers the thirteen months ending January 1, 1895.

Since entering upon his duties, May 28, 1894, the Superintendent has endeavored to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the work and requirements of the schools under his charge. He has made 109 visits to the various schools of the town. It may not be necessary for him to say he finds that the schools of Bellingham compare favorably with those of many towns similarly situated. The town has a faithful, hard-working corps of teachers, ambitious for the improvement of their respective schools, and for the general advancement of education.

The remark made by a recent visitor of wide experience, "The spirit of your teachers is excellent," is very true to the fact. This attitude of the teachers and the hearty support of the Committee have greatly assisted and encouraged the Superintendent in his work.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The buildings at the North and Center are in fair condition. A small addition containing closets and accommodations for coal and wood has been placed on the rear of the Center building.

The seats in these school buildings are so placed that it is difficult for pupils to keep an upright position when at work. If the seat be attached to the desk in the rear, the desk in front should be of corresponding size and height; that is, the desks in any one row from front to rear should be of the same size. The seats as now placed are graduated in height, rising from

front to rear. Consequently the pupil's desk is too low for his seat. Again, the desk should overhang the seat about an inch. Some of these desks are placed three or four inches from the seats. This position of the desk, by being too low and too far from the curved seat, causes the pupil to lean forward, thus bringing his eyes too near his work, and rendering a correct position in writing or drawing well-nigh impossible.

The small buildings occupied by the ungraded schools known as the Beaver Pond, Quinobequin, Chilson, Wilcox, and City schools are in a more or less unsatisfactory condition. Those buildings, if they are to be occupied by schools, will soon require extensive repairs, or else will need to be replaced by new structures. The one occupied by the City school is in especially poor condition, and entirely unsuited to the needs of the growing school population in that portion of the town.

TEACHERS.

At the close of the Spring term two teachers resigned, two failed of re-election, and one additional teacher for the new school at the Center was obtained. In all, five new teachers began work in September. Miss M. A. Billings of the Center primary resigned at the close of the Fall term. Her long experience and progressive methods rendered her an efficient teacher.

The teachers are doing good, faithful work. In most instances they are better teachers than the town might expect to obtain for the small salaries paid.

"As is the teacher so is the school" is an old adage, with much of truth in its application. It therefore follows that improving the teacher tends directly to the improvement of the school. To this end teachers' meetings have been held once in every five weeks. At these meetings the teachers have received definite directions in school management and instruction in methods of teaching and discipline, have given reports upon work accomplished since the previous meeting, and have taken an active part in all the various subjects under discussion. It is suggested that some study connected with the profession be taken up in the near future.

STUDIES PURSUED IN THE SCHOOLS.

Arithmetic.

This subject receives much attention. The criticism so often made that the pupils of the present day are not able on leaving school to work readily with the simple arithmetic needed in every-day affairs has, no doubt, much foundation in fact. A remedy for this is to cease puzzling children with problems they cannot grasp, and to give them instead much practice in simple work involving principles but confined to small numbers, and intended to develop the power of rapid, accurate work. Then daily work in mental arithmetic persistently followed would develop thought and ability. Plenty of drill along these lines ought to furnish better results.

Reading.

Children learn to read much earlier than formerly, owing to the more intelligent methods pursued in the teaching of this important subject. In the upper grades, drill in expression and vocal training may be given in connection with memory work in literature. The pupil should be trained to read at sight, and silently for information. That which a person reads largely influences his thought and his life. The schools should aim at cultivating the taste for good literature. The market is well supplied with excellent material for this purpose, to be had at small cost compared with the prices formerly paid for the regular Reader.

During the Fall term several classes were supplied with one set of books each. The plan is to exchange the books when read so that in the end each class shall have read all the sets. These books comprise Charles Dudley Warner's "A Hunting of the Deer, etc.," two books by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and "Fables and Folk Stories" arranged by Horace E. Scudder.

Language.

Under this heading may be understood training in oral and written expression of thought.

To be able to write a well-expressed letter, to give an order or a direction so that it may be understood, and to address a meeting with clearness is to have a better command of lan-

guage than many possess. Yet, why should not our schools train toward this end? The teacher helps the child to the thought, gives him an opportunity to express it, then, if need be, leads him to a better form of expression.

The study of technical grammar, the parsing and careful analysis of words and sentences, requires more maturity of mind than the average twelve-year-old possesses. Such work is properly left for the higher grades.

The work in spelling may be mentioned here. Written and oral spelling should receive careful attention. In oral spelling the word should be divided into syllables.

Nothing gives better training in the grammar and structure of language than the study of Latin. For this reason much time is devoted to it in the upper grades.

History.

The study of this subject tends to directly influence character. The teacher selects some leader, and the pupils learn the important facts and events for which his time is memorable. Later the pupils are led to see the relations and to realize the qualities of mind and heart which made the great man famous, and to respect the institutions to which he gave "the last full measure of devotion."

Geography.

The way this subject is at present handled in our schools is far from satisfactory. Another year, if circumstances permit, the work in this direction will be so planned as to avoid the waste of much valuable time.

Drawing.

An outline of work in this subject has been prepared, and considerable progress made by the pupils since last September. If this work is systematically pursued for a number of years, those now beginning their school life in this town will have received at its close a practical training in this important branch.

Science.

In the educational world much emphasis is being laid upon the teaching of the various natural sciences, as geology, miner-

alogy, zoology, botany, astronomy, chemistry, etc. Many towns are spending liberally to furnish the public schools with the facilities for this training. What little we do is in connection with the work in language and drawing, and must largely depend upon the previous training of the individual teacher.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The school system, like any other business system, needs a definite plan for the guidance of its workers. A frequent illustration of this need is seen when a change of teachers occurs in towns having neither plan nor head for their school systems. The new teacher knows little or nothing of the work of the previous teacher. She therefore places the pupil where, in her best judgment, presumably, he ought to work. The pupil, instead of proceeding in his studies to that which would logically follow, is usually put back or set ahead, with consequent discouragement or confusion.

With an outline course of study this would not be likely to occur. Again, an outline followed by all the teachers of the town gives to the pupils of each school similar opportunities. The removal of a family from one portion of the town to another does not materially affect the standing of the children in their studies. But the principal benefit derived from a course of study is the saving of time which always results from working with a plan in distinction from working without one.

An outline course of study was prepared for our schools, and has been in use since September. It is divided into periods of one year each, and covers the first eight years of school life. In so far as possible each child has been placed in the grade to which his attainments entitled him. By first grade is meant the first year of school life, etc.

Your attention is requested to the following

Outline of Course of Study.

First Grade.

Language:—Talks about common things; as plants, animals, qualities, actions, directions, pictures. Writing of words and short sentences upon paper or blackboard, from blackboard or dictation. Choice literary selections memorized.

Reading:—Vocabulary learned from objects and read in easy sentences from the blackboard. Reading from primer. Phonetic spelling.

Writing:—Mostly upon blackboard of the small letters i, u, w, n, m, v, x—e, c, o, r, s, a, d, p, t—l, k, h, b—j, f, g, y, q, z.

Spelling:—Oral as soon as the alphabet is learned.

Number:—Numbers from one to twelve. All combinations and separations of those numbers. Easy problems. Adding of single columns and rows. Halves and fourths.

Physiology:—Observation of correct positions in sitting and walking. Height. Naming of external parts of the body. Care of parts.

Drawing:—Lessons in form, color, arrangement.

Second Grade.

Language:—Name and describe the parts of common plants, fruits, and animals. Short stories selected from classics. Invention and reproduction of short stories. Written exercises from dictation consisting of short sentences to teach correct use of capital letters, period, question-mark, exclamation-point, homonyms, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns. Letter-writing. Memorizing.

Reading:—Primer continued. All new words used in original sentences. Second Reader begun. Phonic drill. Silent reading. Reproduction of story from memory. Supplementary reading.

Writing:—On blackboard. Capitals in groups, A, M, N—O, C, D—E, H, K, B, F, G, L, P, R, S, T—I, J, Q, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

Spelling:—Words from lessons, and common words in daily use. Oral and written.

Number:—Review. Numbers from 10 to 50, all combinations and separations. Roman numerals to XXX. Addition and subtraction, by 2's, 3's, etc. Simple problems. Add single columns and rows. Halves, fourths, thirds, etc., to tenths. Multiplication tables to 50.

Physiology:—Continue first year's work. Simple stories of evil effects of narcotics and stimulants. The senses.

Drawing:—Form, color, arrangement.

Third Grade.

Language:—Lessons on plants, animals, minerals. Narration of stories suggested by pictures, personal experience. Classic stories. Write simple descriptions of objects. Dictation exercises continued. Drill in correct use of personal pronouns. Begin use of book. Memorizing of poetry and prose selections.

Reading:—Talks about the lesson before reading. New words placed on board. Phonic drill. Finish Second Readers, and begin Third Readers.

Spelling:—Continue work of second year. Syllabication in oral spelling.

Writing:—Finish work of previous year, using pen and ruled paper. No. 1 copy-book.

Number:—Numbers to 1000. Continue oral and written drill of previous year. Fractional parts of divisible numbers to hundredths. Expression by decimal point. Expression of easy fractions to denominator 12. Roman numerals to C. Toy money. Easy problems. Written, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division. Multipliers and divisors less than 12. Long measure, liquid and dry measures.

Physiology:—Review senses. Familiar talks on organs of the body as wholes. Skin, muscles, fat, nerves and blood-vessels. Effects of alcohol and tobacco on these.

Drawing:—Review and continue same work.

Geography:—Home geography. Land projections, water projections, islands. Mold in sand. Weather. Soil. Plans of school-room and yard to a scale. Map of town.

Fourth Grade.

Language:—Continue use of book. Continue dictation exercises for drill in correct use of common expressions. Continue other work.

Reading:—Work in Third Readers. Supplementary reading. Use dictionary.

Spelling:—Continue previous year's work. Use blank-books. Begin use of spelling-book.

Writing:—Movement exercises, elements of letters. Copy-book practice.

Number:—Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Multipliers and divisors larger than 12. Add in columns dollars and cents. Numbers to 100,000 and to .001. Roman numerals to M. Simple problems; written analysis of them. Tables of weight and time. Change fractions to whole or mixed numbers and reverse. Add and subtract common fractions to twelfths, decimal fractions to .001. Constant oral drill.

Physiology:—Continue. Bones, joints, food, air, exercise, sleep. Review.

Drawing:—Freehand from objects, instrumental, and design.

Geography:—Use globe. The earth as a whole; form, size, rotation, imaginary lines, hemispheres. Continents and oceans. Mold in sand, draw (profiles, contours). North and South America as wholes.

Fifth Grade.

Language:—Continue nature study. Continue use of book. Dictation, drill. Simple business forms. Memorizing.

Reading:—Finish Third Readers. Supplementary reading for information. Read one classic.

Spelling:—Continue work of previous year.

Writing:—Continue work of previous year.

Arithmetic:—Review. Reading and writing of whole numbers and fractional expressions. Work in fractional numbers expressed by both common and decimal forms, using small numbers. Oral work in percentage. Much *daily* mental work based on written work and review. Review previous tables. Square and cubic measures.

Physiology:—Study to learn *facts* of bony, muscular, tegumentary, respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems.

Drawing:—Continue work of previous year.

Geography:—Lessons on evaporation, condensation, freezing, contours. Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceanica as wholes.

Require some home work for three days each week.

Sixth Grade.

Language:—Continue nature study. Use of book. Dictation drill. Expression of the substance of a prose selection from memory. Memorizing.

Reading:—Fourth Reader. Supplementary reading mostly for information; facts.

Spelling:—Continue work of previous year.

Writing:—Continue work of previous year.

Arithmetic:—Review. Drill on fundamental rules, with whole and fractional numbers. Continue work with whole and common and decimal fractions and tables. Very simple work in percentage. Practise bills and receipts.

Physiology:—Review. Nervous system. Emergency talks.

Drawing:—Continue work of previous year.

Geography:—Countries of North America in detail. Progressive map-drawing.

United States History:—Read small outline history. Discussion of lessons and topical outline developed.

Require a half-hour of home work four days each week on some subject requiring concentration.

Seventh Grade.

Language:— Continue use of book and lesson on natural objects. Simple original composition. Poetry changed to prose. Letter writing. Dictation drill as before, and also in the use of capitals, punctuation marks, advertisements, etc.

Reading:—Fourth Readers. Current literature. Easy historical prose and poetry, and easy classic. Drill in silent reading. Some vocal drill.

Spelling:—As before. Use dictionary as a text-book.

Writing:—As before. Review elements.

Arithmetic:—Review problems covering measures, fractions, United States money. Board and wood measure, compound numbers. Percentage. Interest. (Ledger accounts.)

Physiology:—Begin use of text-book.

Drawing:—Continue work of previous year.

Geography:—Countries of South America, Europe and Africa in detail.

History:—Use a fuller text-book than before to Washington's administration. Constant use of progressive maps constructed by pupils. Simple lessons on Civil Government.

Eighth Grade.

Language:—Continue written work on nature study. Begin the study of technical grammar, parsing and analysis.

Dictation drill. Original composition. Sketches of books read. Memorizing of standard poems.

Reading:—Miscellaneous readings from standard literature. Complete poems and books. Home reading.

Spelling:—Use spelling-book and dictionary.

Writing:—Copy-book and drill. Review.

Arithmetic:—Review percentage and its applications. Bank discount. Ratio and proportion. Partnership, square root, with simple application. Business papers written. Ledger accounts.

Physiology:—Continue use of book.

Drawing:—Continue to advance on same general lines as before.

Geography:—Countries of Asia and Islands of Oceanica in detail. Detailed study of the United States.

United States History:—The United States under the Constitution. Review of entire subject topically.

THE NEW SCHOOL.

It seemed necessary on account of the numbers in the Center school to divide the school at the beginning of the fall term.

Owing to the fact that quite a number of pupils in various portions of the town were seeking a higher education, and in view of the law requiring the town to pay their tuition wherever they should choose to attend school, it was thought wise by your Honorable Board to offer the beginnings of a high school course to those who desired to avail themselves of the privilege. Fortunately the teacher secured for the new school at the Center was equal to any demands which might be made upon her, and a class of beginners in high school studies was formed in that school. Others joined the class from time to time, but a definite course of work was not entered upon until the beginning of the year.

The school now consists of an eighth grade class, and the above mentioned class in high school work.

An examination of the following course of study for the high school work will give some idea of the opportunities the school has to offer:—

Courses of Study in Bellingham High School.

Academic Course.

FIRST YEAR.

I. Latin *5. Algebra 4. General History 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

II. Latin 5. Algebra 4. General History 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

III. Latin 5. Algebra 4. General History 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

SECOND YEAR.

I. Latin 5. Geometry 4. English History 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

II. Latin 5. Geometry 4. English History 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

III. Latin 5. Geometry 4. Rhetoric 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

THIRD YEAR.

I. Latin 5. Physics 4. English Literature 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

II. Latin 5. Physics 4. English Literature 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

III. Latin 5. Physics 4. Physiology 4. News of day 1. Rhetoricals 1.

English Course.

Same as Academic, except that the following studies are substituted for Latin:—

	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.
I.	Eng. Grammar 5.	Bookkeeping 5.	Physical Geography 5.
II.	Arithmetic 5.	Bookkeeping 5.	Physical Geography 5.
III.	Arithmetic 5.	Commercial Law 5.	Physical Geography 5.

Drawing, gymnastics, reviews of elementary work, and temperance teaching throughout the course.

*The figures after the subjects indicate the number of recitation periods a week.

It will be seen that two courses are arranged, one with Latin and one without it. A pupil following the Academic course has the privilege of electing studies from the English course, and may take as much work as he has the time, strength, and ability to accomplish. Each pupil, however, takes all the subjects included in the course which he has elected to follow. It is proposed to grant a diploma to any pupil who successfully completes his course.

The establishment of this school debars no one from the privilege of sending his child out of town to one more fully equipped if he so desires, but it does offer an opportunity for higher education which it is thought many will avail themselves of who in all probability would otherwise end their school life in the lower grades. Again, the existence of such a school in the town acts as a stimulus. It has a tendency to raise the work of all the lower grades. Something to attain unto is an incentive to better work.

GRADING.

An attempt has been made, as will be seen by referring to the preceding pages, to systematize the work of the schools. The schools at the North and Center have been so arranged as to give four classes to a teacher. This has been accomplished by promoting those who had completed the fourth year's work in the Caryville and North primary schools to the North grammar room. After finishing the eighth year's work in the last named room, the pupil will then be ready for the high school work at the Center.

This gives the pupil something to look forward to, and tends to arouse his ambition, even though he may not wish to complete the entire course, but designs to end his educational training in the grammar school.

ABSENCE AND TARDINESS.

These are very important matters for consideration. The town provides the means for an education, and expects those for whom it is intended to receive the benefit therefrom. A day or a half day out of school now and then seems to some like a small matter, but in a well conducted school it is like

dropping an occasional link from a chain. The child who loses an entire week from a term is very much less disturbed in his work than is the case with one who is absent one day each from five successive weeks.

Not including the lost time of those who left school one or more weeks before the close of a term or who failed to begin the term with the others, and including only the absences of those counted as members of the schools, there were 3732 days' absence the past year. This would be equivalent to the absence of over 21 pupils for the entire year, or one-tenth of the total average membership, which means that one-tenth of the money expended by the town last year for schools was lost through non-attendance of pupils.

Making all due allowance for sickness and other unavoidable causes of absence, it would seem that this proportion is too great.

It is earnestly desired that parents, teachers, and pupils will combine to reduce this record of absence during the coming year.

There were during the year 408 tardy marks. While some of these were no doubt unavoidable, yet many of them might have been prevented by interest and effort on the part of the pupils and parents. Promptness and punctuality are good business habits which should be earnestly cultivated. It is to be hoped that the next report will show a better record.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted:—

1. An addition for closets, similar to the one which has just been completed at the Center building, should be built at the North schoolhouse.

2. The seats incorrectly placed should be taken up and replaced in proper manner.

3. A two-room building should be placed at the South, not farther from the Woonsocket line than the present one, but on the road leading to the Wilcox school. The corner lot owned by the town in that locality is unsuitable for school purposes. It is in the fork of two streets, which gives it the

shape of a flat-iron. If a building were erected in the center of the lot, where it would necessarily be placed, there would be no room for a playground. Then it is objectionable to have a school yard bounded by streets. A schoolhouse should be in as retired a location as convenience of access will permit. Land enough should be obtained to furnish a large play-ground. It is upon the play-ground that many a valuable lesson is learned. The play-ground should not be the street.

4. A somewhat more liberal appropriation for text-books and supplies. Many of the books now in use are falling to pieces. There are few maps except in the North Grammar room. Very little has been provided in the way of appliances for primary and grammar work. It is not expected that all of these pressing needs can be supplied at once, but a larger appropriation than that of last year will help to make a beginning.

These things are to the teacher what tools are to the mechanic. Good tools mean nice execution; poor or insufficient tools, a more or less unsatisfactory piece of work accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Salaries of Teachers.	Total Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Total Half Days' Absence.	Number of Cases of Tardiness.	Number under 5.	Number between 8 and 14.	Number over 15.
Longfellow,	Rufina M. Morgan, Eliza A. Lindsey, S. Elizabeth Colby,	$ 315 00	45	33.60	30.95	92.12	829	34	2	32	0
Webster,	Geo. E. Aldrich,	350 00	36	28.31	27.67	97.74	471	14	0	25	5
Whittier,	Agnes M. Blanchard, Maud Morton,	315 00	37	26.68	24.34	91.21	884	35	0	17	0
Beaver Pond,	Lillian E. Hodder,	280 00	27	14.35	12.26	92.42	1,018	77	2	18	1
Quinobequin,	Marion E. Howe,	280 00	20	11.88	10.98	92.47	701	52	2	12	1
Massey,	Mary A. Billings,	350 00	39	28.37	27.07	95.40	622	4	1	23	0
High Grammar,	Alice H. Higgins,	350 00	*18	15.53	14.95	96.32	42	16	0	7	7
Chilson Hill,	Carrie E. Daniels, Edith P. Hubbard,	280 00	28	16.28	15.02	92.26	486	64	0	16	0
City,	Agnes M. Grant, Charles W. Aldrich,	350 00	54	31.54	26.37	83.61	1,846	82	1	30	1
Wilcox,	Eva F. Warfield,	280 00	16	9.88	8.93	90.38	565	30	0	12	0
	Totals,	$3,150 00	301	216.42	198.54	91.73	7,464	408	8	192	15

Number of children between 5 and 15, May 1, 1894, 256.

*Omitted from total enrollment.

Roll of Honor.

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified:—

Two Years.

Florence Cook—High.
William H. Callahan—North Grammar.

One Year.

Vera L. Billings, Lester Osborne—Massey.
Florence B. Rhodes—Wilcox.
Chester R. Adams—North Grammar.

Winter Term.

Chester C. Richards, Orran D. Davison, James O'Rouke—Caryville.

James A. Beach, George E. Fitzpatrick—North Primary.

Eva M. Arnold, Timothy E. Foley, Agnes J. Macy, Albert Bellan—North Grammar.

Susie Thayer, Bertha Keyes, Aggie Sears, Lloyd Thayer, Charles Brown, Ellery Thayer, Charles Sears, Clifford Thayer, Frank Sullivan—Massey.

Hattie J. Staples, Lottie M. Keach, Bertha M. Whipple, Esther D. Staples—City.

Spring Term.

Harry E. Camp, Elmer Camp, Delacy Davison, Leslie J. Fisher. Newton McKean, Ethel Tingley, George Tingley—Caryville.

Michael E. Kennelly, Rosella Kennelly, Oscar S. Metcalf, John J. Naughtin—North Primary.

William Desmond, Cornelius H. Fitzpatrick, Timothy E. Foley, Minnie E. Foley, James Humes, Arthur St. George—North Grammar.

Ellery Thayer, Elwyn Thayer, George Thayer, Manning Taylor—Massey.

May Fitzgerald, Nellie Fitzgerald, Weston Aldrich, Eugene Trask—Chilson Hill.

Grace M. McCarthy, Henry M. McCarthy, Wilson A. Pickering—Wilcox.

Esther D. Staples, Naomi E. Francis—City.

Fall Term.

Eugene L. Connelly, May A. Desmond, Mary O'Rouke, Cynthia Pickering, Sadie Taylor—Caryville.

Michael E. Kennelly, Ida L. Metcalf—North Primary.

Cornelius H. Fitzpatrick, William R. Grant, James Humes, Jerry Kennelly, Rose Kennelly, Edith Maxcy, F. J. Murphy, Maud M. Pender, Arthur F. St. George—North Grammar.

Annie L. Holland, Florence L. Seaver, Bertha Thayer, Mabel M. Seaver, Fred W. Holland—Quinobequin.

Bessie Keyes, Stella Gay, Aggie Sears, Gladys Cook, Vera Thayer, Charles Sears, John Sears, Bertie Spencer—Massey.

Harold Drury, Hattie M. Cook, Elsie V. Trask—High.

Ada M. Trask—Chilson Hill.

Lottie M. Keach, Waldo Cook, William Lee—City.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Fourth Day of March, A. D. 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: 1 Town Clerk for 1 year; 1 Town Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of the Poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 trustees of Free Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 1 year; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on the same ballot with the above-named Town Officers; to vote on the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

The Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2.30 P. M.

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pair of Town Buildings; 9th, Town Miscellaneous Items; 10th, Printing; 11th, Interest on Town Debt; 12th, To pay Town Debt; 13th, Pay of Town Officers; 14th, Repairs in the Cemeteries; 15th, Decoration Day; 16th, Aid under Chap. 447 of the Acts of 1890; 17th, For Free Public Library.

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And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twelfth day of February, A. D., 1895.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1, 1896.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. Billings, Printer, Gazette Office.
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

SELECTMEN.

RUEL F. THAYER, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
ADDISON E. BULLARD.

TREASURER.

RUEL F. THAYER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CARROLL E. WHITE,	Term expires March,		1896.
GEORGE A. CROOKS,	"	"	1897.
OTTO L. BULLARD,	"	"	1898.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,	Term expires March,		1896.
JUDSON E. CAMP,	"	"	1897.
L. FRANCIS THAYER,	"	"	1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALBERT A. ALDRICH,	Term expires March,		1896.
ALMOND W. COOK,	"	"	1897.
*DR. N. W. SANBORN,	"	"	1898.
†CARROLL E. WHITE.			

*Resigned.
†Chosen to fill vacancy.

ASSESSORS.

SENECA BURR, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
ELBRIDGE GRANT.

CONSTABLES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, JUDSON E. CAMP,
LUMAN R. CAMP, ELWYN M. TAFT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

AUDITOR.

ELIJAH B. STOWE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JUDSON E. CAMP, STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
L. FRANCIS THAYER.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

ORRIN CHILSON,	Term expires March,		1896.
OTTO L. BULLARD,	"	"	1897.
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,	"	"	1898.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MRS. OLIVE COOK,	Term expires March,		1896.
*MRS. OTTO L. BULLARD,	"	"	1896.
MRS. FRANCIS METCALF,	"	"	1897.
MISS EMMA KEACH,	"	"	1897.
MISS SARA T. ROCKWOOD,	"	"	1898.
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,	"	"	1898.
†*MRS. J. MAXCY.			
†*MISS GRACE GRANT.			

*Resigned.
†Chosen to fill vacancy.

Appointments by the Selectmen.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

POUND KEEPER.

ORRIN CHILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
ORVILLE C. RHODES.

POLICE OFFICERS.

DELACY O. EVANS, GEORGE H. HILL,
JOHN P. THAYER.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
WILLIE A. BURR, ELBRIDGE GRANT,
JUDSON E. CAMP, HENRY W. PICKERING.
GEORGE A. CROOKS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, SENECA BURR,
JUDSON E. CAMP, GEORGE A. CROOKS.

AUCTIONEERS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, WILLIAM A. WYLIE.

SEXTONS.

ORRIN CHILSON, S. FRED METCALF,
HENRY W. PICKERING, VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

INSPECTOR OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND LOCKUP KEEPER.

JOHN P. THAYER.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT TOWN ELECTION MARCH 4, 1895.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, JOHN J. GERSTLE,
DANIEL SULLIVAN, CHARLES W. ALDRICH.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT STATE ELECTION NOV. 5.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, DANIEL SULLIVAN,
GEORGE H. GERSTLE, CHARLES E. MARBLE,
BENJ. E. MARBLE.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN AND TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 2, 1896.

Charles J. Nugent,
Henry A. Whitney,
Francis H. Dawley,
Irving Wales,
Frank E. Thayer,
Henry W. Pickering,
Almond W. Cook,
Joel J. Clark,
Edward McKean,
George E. Hawes,
Benj. E. Marble,
Horace E. Barbour,
George D. Crooks,
Foster S. Palmer,
Albert S. Pickering.
Amos E. Bullard.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

In March, 1894, the Town voted that the Town Clerk should mail each voter and real estate owner who resides in Town one copy of the Annual Report. This plan did away with the former uneven distribution, by means of which the copies were often insufficient. This past year no trouble has occurred.

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1895.

Supreme Judicial Court, Edward B. Metcalf.
Grand Juror, John Shannon.
April Criminal Term, Benj. W. Woodbury.
May Civil Term, Edwin F. Pickering.
September Criminal Term, Charles W. Aldrich.
October Civil Term, George H. Thayer.
December Criminal Term, Ellis T. Norcross.
January Civil Term, Lucian S. Holbrook.

Dog licenses,	113
Paid County Treasurer,	$226 80

FOREST FIRES IN 1895.

April 21 and 22.—On land of Charles H. Whipple and others; 40 acres; damage $100.

April—On land of Nathan A. Cook and others; 15 acres; damage $60.

May 3.—On land of Francis H. Dawley; 14 acres; damage $42, and $8 on fence.

May 3.—On land of George E. O'Connor and others; 100 acres; damage $672, and $140 on cord wood.

May 9.—On land of L. Francis Thayer; 2 acres; damage $5, and $120 on cord wood.

May 11.—On land of Adeline C. Grant; 2 acres; damage $10.

TOWN RECORDS.

TOWN WARRANT.

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And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1895.

R. F. THAYER,
ORRIN CHILSON,
E. B. STOWE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

March 4, 1895.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at time, place, and for the purposes within men-

tioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said Town seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4, 1895.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall at 10 o'clock A. M., March 4, 1895.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the warrant and called for votes for Moderator according to Article 1.

Chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

ARTICLE 2.—To choose the necessary Town officers as printed in the warrant.

The Selectmen had appointed John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson as ballot clerks, who were sworn by the Clerk and given a package of official ballots and received a receipt for the same. The cards of instructions and sample ballots had been previously posted in the booths and around the hall, according to law. The Selectmen had also appointed Daniel Sullivan and Charles W. Aldrich to have charge of the check list and ballot-box. They were sworn by the Clerk, when the ballot-box was inspected and register set at 000 and balloting commenced at 10.35. At 11.30 Article 3 was taken up, balloting going on while other Articles were being acted on.

ARTICLE 3.—To hear the reports of the several boards of Town officers.

The reports were all read by title, and voted to dispense with the further reading.

Town Clerk's accepted, and ordered on file.

Selectmen's, placed on the table.

Road Commissioners', placed on the table and to be taken up when appropriations for highways are called for.

Treasurer's, accepted and ordered on file.

Overseers of the Poor, accepted and ordered on file.

Voted: Before proceeding further with the article to have a recess of half an hour, balloting to proceed with.

As in the past few years, the W. C. T. U. had prepared a

fine dinner in the lower hall, of which the attendance was quite satisfactory to the Union, and dinner very satisfactory to the partakers thereof.

We came together again at the time specified, and a motion was made that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the doings of the Overseers of the Poor for the last four years. It was carried by a small vote both sides.

Collector's, accepted and placed on file.

Assessors', accepted and ordered on file.

Cemetery Committee's, accepted and ordered on file.

Library Trustees', accepted as printed.

School Committee's, laid on the table.

Article 4.—To raise and appropriate money, and the following sums were voted:—

Schools, $2300, the bank tax and surplus revenue added, $165; school supplies, $150; school books, $300; highways, $1500; bridges and railings, $100; guideboards, $10; for the poor, $1200; Town buildings, $400; Town miscellaneous items, $150; printing, $100; interest, $150; Town debt, $500; cemeteries, $50; Decoration Day, $40; aid under Chapter 447, Acts 1890, $100; military aid, $72; library, $75; Town officers, $600.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the State Highway Commission for a state highway from junction of Wrentham, South Main, and Center streets towards Woonsocket to the Blackstone line.

At 2.45 o'clock it was voted the polls be closed, and they were closed at that time. The register stood at 155; the check list was audibly counted by Daniel Sullivan, and 134 names found checked; the ballots were counted from the box by Ruel F. Thayer, and 134 found therein. I think the discrepancy was caused by some of the ballots getting stuck in the machine. The ballot clerks sealed up the unused ballots and check list, and returned them to the Clerk, when the count proceeded with Daniel Sullivan and Charles W. Aldrich as tellers, John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson as supervisors.

$40 was raised for Decoration Day, with James O. Richardson, Abiram W. Wales and Henry W. Pickering a committee to expend the same, the school children to have exercises at Town Hall, similar to two years ago.

Article 5.—To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted: All who pay a poll tax only shall pay the same on demand, and all others shall be payable Oct. 1, 1895. On all

taxes unpaid Nov. 1, 1895, one half of 1 per cent per month shall be added. All taxes must be paid by Jan. 1, 1896.

Article 6.—To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed a Collector.

Voted him that authority.

Article 7.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to borrow more than $2000.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be instructed not to pay out any money in any department after the appropriation for that department is exhausted, but shall refer to Selectmen to call a Town meeting to make the necessary appropriation.

Article 8.—To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Otto L. Bullard and S. Fred Metcalf asked to have their names stricken from the list. The Town granted their request. Voted that the Selectmen fill the two places made vacant on the list, which they did, and the list was accepted as it then stood. Rufus G. Fairbanks entered a protest against the proceeding of excusing, etc.

LIST OF JURORS.

Ellis T. Norcross,	Charles J. Nugent,
George E. Hawes,	Francis H. Dawley,
John Shannon,	Wesley E. Howes,
Benj. E. Marble,	Charles W. Aldrich,
Benj. W. Woodbury,	Horace E. Barbour,
Edwin F. Pickering,	Edward McKean,
Irving Wales,	Henry A. Whitney,
George H. Thayer,	Lucian S. Holbrook.

Article 9.—To see if the Town will allow any bills if there are any presented.

Bill of B. W. Woodbury, for tuition, was referred to the School Committee.

Article 10.—To see if the Town will vote to build a new schoolhouse at South Bellingham, or act or do anything relating thereto.

Superintendent of Schools Sherman was asked his views of the question. After having the unanimous consent of those present, he told them his idea, after which with much discussion it was voted to build a two-room schoolhouse at South Bellingham, and the School Committee, with the Superintendent and Selectmen, be a Committee to select a location, also

the same Committee build a schoolhouse at South Bellingham not to exceed in cost $3000, the Treasurer to borrow the money for the purpose, and the Town to pay $500 a year until paid.

Article 11.—To see if the Town will vote to change the place of posting Town meeting warrants at Rakeville, or act or do anything relating thereto.

Voted that a suitable box or case with glass doors be placed on Wrentham street at the junction of Lake street, to be used in posting Town warrants and other papers of the Town.

Article 12.—To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School in accordance with Chapter 44, Sec. 2, raise money, or do anything relating thereto.

Voted to accept of the Chapter and Section mentioned in the warrant, and have a high school.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed whereby a Committee was to be appointed to investigate the Poor Farm affairs; the question coming before the house, voted not to investigate.

The Selectmen, Road Commissioners, and School Committee reports were taken from the table, and voted to accept and ordered on file.

Voted that the Moderator have $5 for his services.

The ballots having been canvassed by the tellers appointed and tally sheets filled out, the Clerk read the vote cast for Town officers and the vote on license. The Moderator declared who was elected. The ballots used were sealed up and properly endorsed, taken care of according to law, when it was voted to dismiss the warrant.

The vote:—

Town Clerk.

Henry A. Whitney, one hundred twenty-two,	122	
Ruel A. Rockwood, one,	1	
Blanks, eleven,	11	
		134

Treasurer.

Ruel F. Thayer, one hundred seventeen,	117	
E. B. Stowe, one,	1	
Seneca Adams, one,	1	
Blanks, fifteen,	15	
		134

Selectmen.

Addison E. Bullard, one hundred twenty-two,	122
Orville C. Rhodes, one hundred twenty-three,	123
Ruel F. Thayer, one hundred eighteen,	118

Proctor P. Cook, two,	2	
Blanks, thirty-seven,	37	
		402

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Otto L. Bullard, one hundred nine,	109	
Warren E. Fairbanks, one,	1	
George Nelson, three,	3	
Blanks, twenty-one,	21	
		134

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Proctor P. Cook, fifty-six,	56	
L. Francis Thayer, sixty-seven,	67	
Blanks, eleven,	11	
		134

ASSESSORS.

Seneca Burr, one hundred,	100	
Elbridge Grant, one hundred thirteen,	113	
Orville C. Rhodes, one hundred eighteen,	118	
Carroll E. White, four,	4	
Blanks, sixty-seven,	67	
		402

COLLECTOR.

Calvin Fairbanks, one hundred twenty-one,	121	
Blanks, thirteen,	13	
		134

AUDITOR.

Elijah B. Stowe, one hundred thirteen,	113	
Blanks, twenty-one,	21	
		134

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Ruel A. Rockwood, thirty-seven,	37	
Nathan W. Sanborn, eighty-three,	83	
Mamie Billings, one,	1	
Rufus G. Fairbanks, one,	1	
Blanks, twelve,	12	
		134

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Alice A. Burr, ninety-six,	96	
Sara T. Rockwood, ninety-nine,	99	
Blanks, seventy-three,	73	
		268

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Varnum B. Rockwood, one hundred seven,	107	
Lucian Drury, one,	1	

Blanks, twenty-six,	26	
		134

FENCE VIEWERS.

Judson E. Camp, one hundred one,	101	
Stephen E. Scott, one hundred four,	104	
L. Francis Thayer, one hundred,	100	
Proctor P. Cook, one,	1	
Blanks, ninety-six,	96	
		402

CONSTABLES.

Judson E. Camp, sixty-six,	66	
Luman R. Camp, eighty-five,	85	
Delacy O. Evans, fifty-two,	52	
Elwyn M. Taft, ninety,	90	
Henry A. Whitney, one hundred eight,	108	
Charles Griffin, one,	1	
Blanks, one hundred thirty-four,	134	
		536

LICENSE.

Yes, thirty-three,	33	
No, seventy-five,	75	
Blanks, twenty-six,	26	
		134

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their ballots to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General; Councillor, second Councillor District; Senator, second Norfolk District; two Representatives in the General Court for the eighth Norfolk Representative District; District Attorney, southeastern District: one

County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners in and for the County of Norfolk; Sheriff for the County of Norfolk; and to vote "Yes" or "No" to the following question: "Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?" The above to be brought in all on one ballot.

The Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twenty-sixth day of October, A. D. 1895.

R. F. THAYER,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

Nov. 5, 1895.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.
HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 5, 1895.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters met in the Town Hall Nov. 5, 1895.

At 10 o'clock the election officers, with the assistance of the ballot clerks, posted sample ballots and cards of instruction according to law, and at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes the meeting was called to order by the chairman of Selectmen, and the warrant read.

The Clerk delivered to the presiding election officer two packages of official ballots, one for male and one for female voters, and received the following receipt:—

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 5, 1895.

Received of Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk, two packages of official ballots, said to contain 300 each, one for male and one for female voters.

R. F. THAYER,
Presiding Election Officer.

They were then delivered to the ballot clerks. The election officers were as follows: Ruel F. Thayer, presiding election officer; Benj. E. Marble, in charge of the ballot-box, in place of Selectman A. E. Bullard, who was unable to attend on account of sickness; check list in charge of Selectman O. C. Rhodes; ballots in charge of James O. Richardson, and check list Daniel Sullivan.

The ballot-box was examined and register set 000, and balloting commenced. At 3 o'clock a motion was made and carried to close the polls in 10 minutes, and they were closed at that time. The register stood at 367, the check list was audibly counted by O. C. Rhodes and 137 names of male and 10 female voters found checked. The ballots were counted from the box, and 137 ballots for males, and 10 ballots for females found therein.

The check list used by the ballot clerks corresponded with the other list in the number of names checked. The check list and unused ballots were sealed up and properly endorsed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

The canvass of the vote was proceeded with. O. C. Rhodes and Henry A. Whitney as tellers and George H. Gerstle and Charles E. Marble as supervisors, and they found the following result:—

GOVERNOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton, three,	3	
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell, ninety-nine,	99	
Edward Kendall of Cambridge, six,	6	
George Fred Williams of Dedham, twenty-four,	24	
Blanks, five,	5	
	——	137

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield, four,	4	
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, twenty-five,	25	
Edward S. Rogers of Lee, six,	6	
Roger Wolcott of Boston, ninety-seven,	97	
Blanks, five,	5	
	——	137

SECRETARY.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston, twenty-four,	24	
Charles D. Nash of Whitman, four,	4	
William M. Olin of Boston, ninety-nine,	99	
Willard O. Wylie of Essex, four,	4	
Blanks, six,	6	
		137

TREASURER.

Martin W. Moran of Boston, two,	2	
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg, four,	4	
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport, ninety-seven,	97	
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley, twenty-four,	24	
Blanks, ten,	10	
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AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, one hundred seven,	107	
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers, two,	2	
Herman T. Regnell of Attleborough, five,	5	
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston, twenty-four,	24	
Blanks, nine,	9	
		137

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick, three,	3	
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, twenty-seven,	27	
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, ninety-seven,	97	
Conrad Reno of Boston, two,	2	
Blanks, eight,	8	
		137

COUNCILLOR.

William N. Eaton of Quincy, twenty-seven,	27	
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth, ninety-eight,	98	
Blanks, twelve,	12	
		137

SENATOR.

Clarke P. Harding of Medway, ninety-five,	95	
Aaron R. Morse of Walpole, five,	5	
Charles Warren of Dedham, twenty-six,	26	
Blanks, eleven,	11	
		137

REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles Luther Aldrich of Franklin, four,	4	
Daniel Brown of Wrentham, ninety-one,	91	
Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin, eighty-two,	82	
Louis William Hodges of Foxborough, ten,	10	

Edward M. Phillips of Foxborough, twenty,	20	
John J. Reardon of Medway, twenty-one,	21	
Blanks, forty-six,	46	
		274

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater, one hundred six,	106	
Blanks, thirty-one,	31	
		137

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Thomas Blanchard of Stoughton, one hundred six,	106	
Nathan A. Cook of Medway, one,	1	
Blanks, thirty,	30	
		137

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Everett J. Eaton of Needham, eighty-six,	86	
Curtis McIntosh of Needham, nine,	9	
Cornelius J. Murphy of Norfolk, twenty,	20	
Lewis R. Whitaker of Franklin, ninety-seven,	97	
Blanks, sixty-two,	62	
		274

SHERIFF.

Augustus B. Endicott of Dedham, fifty-two,	52	
Abram C. Paul of Stoughton, sixty-four,	64	
Blanks, twenty-one,	21	
		137

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Yes, thirty-five,	35	
No, eighty-one,	81	
Blanks, thirty-one,	31	
		147

The canvass having been completed, the Clerk publicly read the total vote as made out by the election officers. The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, sealed up in open Town meeting. The check list used and ballots cast were sealed up, endorsed by the proper officers, and delivered to the Clerk.

It was then voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxborough, Bellingham, and Nor-

folk, constituting the eighth representative district in Norfolk County:—

On the fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1895, the Town Clerks of the above mentioned towns met at the Town Hall in Franklin and examined and compared transcripts of the records of votes cast on the fifth day of November for Representatives in the Eighth District in said County, and ascertained that Daniel Brown of Wrentham and Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin were duly elected, and issued certificates of their election, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston and one to the Constable of Wrentham, and one to the Constable of Franklin, to be served by them on said Brown and Gallison respectively.

THE VOTE.

Charles Luther Aldrich of Franklin, one hundred fifty-six,	156
Daniel Brown of Wrentham, eleven hundred eight,	1108
Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin, ten hundred sixty-eight,	1068
Louis William Hodges of Foxborough, five hundred thirty-four,	534
Edward M. Phillips of Foxborough, four hundred seventy-one,	471
John F. Reardon of Medway, three hundred ninety-four,	394
Scattering, three,	3
Blanks, eight hundred fifty-three,	853
Whole number, forty-five hundred eighty-eight,	4588

Witness our hands at Franklin, this fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1895.

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham,
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway,
ORESTES T. DOE, Town Clerk of Franklin,
LEWIS E. GRAY, Town Clerk of Foxborough,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham,
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1895.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Jan. 1,	Alvin T. Ball,	24	Sebec, Me,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
At Bellingham,	Edith Gould,	26	Bellingham.	
April 30,	George W. Walker,	24	Bellingham,	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Ellen M. Donavan,	20	Medway.	
April 30,	Dennis O'Rouck,	24	Bellingham,	Rev. Thos. O'Sullivan.
At Uxbridge,	Mary Ann Hyland,	24	Uxbridge.	
August 28,	John Desmond,	29	Bellingham,	Rev. M. J. Lee.
At Medway,	Elien E. Sullivan,	21	Bellingham.	
September 6,	Clifton R. Trask,	18	Bellingham,	R. G. Fairbanks, J. P.
At Medway,	Claribel B. Woodbury,	18	Medway.	
October 8,	Daniel T. Grady,	29	Pittsfield,	Rev. Thos. B. Lowney.
At Medway,	Emma A. Pender,	24	Bellingham.	
October 14,	Ellis T. Norcross,	72	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury.
At Bellingham,	Clarissa H. Partridge,	72	Bellingham.	
November 27,	Daniel Shea,	27	Bellingham,	Rev. M. J. Lee.
At Franklin,	Ellen E. Marooney,	29	Franklin,	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1895.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Jan. 21,	Henry Lewis Auclair,	Felix jr. and Julia (Lesvague).
Jan. 28,	John Edward Lipsett,	Edward and Flora A. (Wales).
Mar. 23,	Carlton Hayden Grant,	Elbridge and Lizzie T. (Rockwood).
Mar. 28,	Melinda Victoria Laberdy,	Edward and Rose (Pigeon).
April 5,	Hazel E. Taft,	Elwin M. and Etta M. (Rhodes).
April 10,	Bazinett,	Oliver and Georgianna (Hero).
April 22,	Katie Smith,	Hugh and Hannah (Haley).
April 27,	May Ida Barrows,	Frank E. and Ellen E. (Munger).
May 1,	Edna May Trask,	Alba H. and Susan M. (Whipple).
May 8,	Edgar Robert Colburn,	Edgar E. and Grace (Cross).
June 4,	Daniel Fitzpatrick,	Maurice jr. and Esther (Shea).
June 12,	June Faustina Hodgkins,	Edmon and Irene F. (Fisk).
July 10,	John Edward McMahon,	John and Ellen (Murphy).
July 20,	Harold Eugene Webber,	John H. and Annie M. (Daniels).
July 31,	Mary Dee,	Daniel and Maggie (Denihan),
Aug. 3,	Arthur Barker,	Joseph and Delia (Nadeau).
Aug. 24,	Winifred Viola Crocker,	Aggie E. Crocker.
Aug. 29,	Marion Julia Cobb,	James H. and Mary E. (Connors).
Aug. 30,	Emma Garno,	Joseph and Julia (Marchant).
Sept. 23,	Veatrice Eleanor Brown,	Comfort T. and Mary A. (Wells).
Oct. 7,	Myrtle Augusta Spencer,	James A. and Emma S. (Adams).
Oct. 14,	Mary Helen McCready,	Milton F. and Nettie (Fleming).
Oct. 23,	Alice Elizabeth Desmond,	Patrick and Johannah (Kennedy).
Oct. 31,	Ada Rockwood,	Edward E. and Hattie A. (Osgood).
Nov. 12,	Charles Edward Schnider,	William H. and Mary E. (Farrer).
Nov. 29,	Ellen Murphy,	Patrick and Ellen (Cavanaugh).
Dec. 3,	Rhodes,	Elbridge A. and Cora E. (Warfield).
Dec. 4,	Rosanna Leclair,	Charles and Agnes (Gilmore).
Dec. 9,	Florence Wilson,	John R. and Mary A. (Byron).
Dec. 15,	William James Sproul,	Jasper B. and Ethel M. (Spencer).
1894, Feb. 26,	Mary Etta Murphy,	Patrick and Ellen (Cavanaugh).
Mar. 28,	Isabella McGouty,	Frank and Nora (Murphy).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1895.

DATE OF DEATH.		NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan.	11,	Charles Canning,	23			Accidental. (Killed by locomotive.)
Jan.	25,	Ethel E. Seaver,	4	1	29	Tuberculosis.
Jan.	30,	Eugene Gauthier,	46			Inflammation of brain.
Feb.	5,	Thomas Sherwin	30			Pneumonia.
Feb.	17,	Gershon R. Johnson	57	8	12	Bright's disease.
April	11,	Bazinett,			1	Debility.
July	13,	Albert Tourtellott,	78	2	26	Railroad accident.
July	31,	Patrick Murphy,	34			Abscess.
Aug.	5,	D. Herbert Lawrence	35	9	1	Accident. (Concussion of brain.)
Aug.	16,	Hazel Whipple,		1		(Immature digestive organs.)
Sept.	1,	Adeline C. Grant,	66	2		Cerebral apoplexy.
Sept.	20,	Julia McElligott,	74			Cholera morbus.
Oct.	2,	Edward E. Paul,		3		Cholera infantum.
Oct.	12,	James Watt,	49			Accident (Drowned).
Oct.	20,	Mary Helen McCready,			6	Severe cold.
Oct.	23,	Michael Gorman,	75			Kidney disease.
Nov.	10,	Milton B. Maxcy,	76	2	28	Cystitis.
Nov.	11,	Ernest P. Adams,	2	10	15	Brain fever.
Nov.	17,	Ruth Wales.	72	6	10	Paralysis.
Dec.	23,	Stillman R. Cook,	64			Heart disease.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Town appropriated $40 this year for memorial exercises. Of this $10 was paid to the Medway Post, $10 to the Franklin Post, and $5 to the Woonsocket Post, G. A. R. $15 was used for exercises conducted by the schools in town.

On Sunday, May 26, the Franklin Post, Sons of Veterans and Relief Corps came here to decorate the graves. With them came the Continental band, and for the expense of this money was raised by subscription.

The procession formed at the monument, which was decorated with flowers; from there they marched to the cemetery, where, with the assistance of the school children, the graves were decorated. Only one soldier has been buried in Town this year—Edward O. Brown of Lynn, who served in Co. D, 11th Regt. Mass. Inf. Before the graves were decorated the Commander of the Post said Mr. Richard Briggs of Franklin, a faithful friend of the Post, had been buried in our cemetery during the past year. He has always been with us in these exercises until this year by his association with the Post in the past, and they think it appropriate that his grave should be decorated.

Mr. Haslam of Franklin, who was expected to deliver the address, was not present. Dr. King was called upon. He responded and gave reasons for cause of the Rebellion. The line re-formed and marched back to the monument, and was dismissed. After fine selections by the band, the exercises were closed.

At North Bellingham the Post from West Medway came to the cemetery, as has been their custom for a long time, Sunday afternoon. Rev. H. G. Butler of the M. E. church of West Medway gave the principal address, followed by R. G. Fairbanks and members of the Post, after which the graves were decorated as usual. Mr. Sylvester Greenwood kindly furnished singing, which was finely rendered by a quartette composed of Messrs. Greenwood and Hixon and Misses Partridge and Bullard. The citizens of North Bellingham take this opportunity of thanking all who took a part in the services, and especially Mr. Greenwood for the interest he took in furnishing music for the occasion.

On the morning of the 30th Henry W. Pickering and comrades decorated the graves in the Rakeville cemetery, with the usual ceremonies.

On Thursday, May 30, the Memorial Day exercises were given by the school children. Transportation was furnished for all the children, and they congregated on the common soon after 2 o'clock. They marched from there to the monument,

which had been decorated with the stars and stripes.

Here they saluted the flag and sang "America," and the march was resumed to the hall, where after prayer and stirring remarks by Rev. Lucian Drury, the following program was carried out:—

1.	Concert Exercise—"The Flag,"	Caryville Primary School
2.	Song—"Heroes' Graves,"	North Primary School and Caryville Primary School
3.	Recitation—"Caliber 54,"	Helen Thompson
4.	Declamation—"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address,"	Arthur St. George
5.	Recitation—"Memorial Day,"	Mary Desmond
6.	Recitation—"Our Flagg,"	Michael Kennelly
7.	Recitation—"The Blue and the Gray Together,"	Annie Holland
8.	Concert Recitation—"Women of the War,"	Chilson School
9.	Recitation—"For Grandpa's Sake,"	Delia Macy
10.	Song—"Our Country,"	Emma Albee
11.	Recitation—"The Soldier's Reprieve,"	Rolland Bates
12.	Declamation—"Sheridan of Stone River,"	John Rhodes
13.	Recitation,	Bertha Thayer
14.	Recitation—"In Memoriam,"	Sadie Brown
15.	Recitation—"Memorial Day,"	Wilcox School
16.	Recitation—"The Battle of the Shenandoah,"	Elsie Trask
17.	Recitation—"Company K,"	Bertha Whipple
18.	Singing—"Battle Hymn of the Republic,"	High Grammar School
19.	Recitation—"Sleep, Comrades,"	Frank Sullivan
20.	Flag Exercise,	Massey School
21.	Recitation—"They Went to the War,"	George Thayer
22.	Recitation—"Our Flag,"	Bertha Pickering
23.	Concert Recitation—"The Rising in 1776,"	High Grammar School
24.	Closing Selection,	Quinobequin School and Massey School

The pupils showed marked interest in the exercises, and careful preparation characterized each number of the program. We hope next year similar exercises may be held and that more pupils from the north part of the Town will be present.

The expenses of the day were as follows: Transportation, $11; printing, $3.50; incidentals, $1; total, $15.50.

J. O. RICHARDSON,
For the Committee.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We submit herewith the annual report:—

As recommended last year, we have taken the proper steps to make the road leading from Mr. Charles Thayer's to Woonsocket a state road as far as the Rhode Island line, and we have good reason to believe it will be done within the next year.

We are unable to give a full report of the new schoolhouse at the south end. Arrangements were made to buy more land adjoining the Town lot at Crooks' corner, and a modern two-room building has been erected on it. The contract was awarded to Otis Whitney & Son for $2900, the Town to furnish the stone, which cost for drawing $47.25 There has also been $154.31 paid out for architect, grading, etc. The heating apparatus has been put in on approval at a cost of a little over $200. There has been $500 paid on the $3000 appropriated as per vote of the town.

TEACHING SCHOOLS AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid S. E. Colby,	$112 00	
Maud Morton,	130 50	
George E. Aldrich,	391 45	
Lilian E. Hodder,	302 60	
Agnes M. Nelson,	130 50	
Alice H. Higgins,	155 55	
Edith P. Hubbard,	116 50	
Carrie E. Daniels,	299 10	
Eva F. Warfield,	116 50	
Charles W. Aldrich,	144 50	
Emily T. Ball,	205 70	
Lillian H. Parmenter,	135 00	
Mabel W. Burgess,	182 60	
Myrtle E. Brown,	200 45	
Marion R. Winckley,	238 75	
Flora A. Nichols,	174 30	
Lena A. Pfaffman,	139 50	
Nettie J. McEwen,	65 45	
		$3,240 95

Town of Franklin, tuition of Ruby M. Wales and Jennie F. Cook,	$28 00	
Town of Franklin, tuition of Jennie F. Cook,	14 00	
		$42 00

FUEL.

Paid J. E. Camp, for wood,	$16 64	
V. B. Rockwood, for wood,	2 88	
J. A. Simpson, "	17 50	
O. L. Bullard, "	13 00	
A. A. Aldrich, "	32 00	
W. L. Palmer, for coal,	17 25	
L. F. Thayer, for coal and wood,	44 37	
		$143 64
		$3,426 59
Appropriation,		2,300 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$1,126 59

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,		$300 00
Paid Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.,	$ 6 59	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	9 38	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	9 00	
Ginn & Co.,	30 25	
C. H. Burr, express,	4 55	
E. O. Vaile,	7 20	
Potter & Putnam,	3 33	
American Book Co.,	16 32	
J. L. Hammett,	34 38	
Perry Mason & Co.,	7 00	
		128 00
Unexpended,		$172 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$49 59	
E. Grant,	2 35	
E. E. Sherman,	8 11	
Chandler Adj. Chair & Desk Co.,	57 27	
J. Allen Rice, flags,	35 00	
J. L. Hammett,	6 25	

G. M. Billings,	$ 2 50	
American Book Co.,	22 56	
Ralph Ferry,	3 80	
A. A. Aldrich,	1 10	
L. F. Thayer,	4 35	
		$192 88
Appropriation,		150 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$42 88

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,		$1,500 00
Paid J. E. Camp,	$495 28	
S. E. Scott,	481 14	
L. F. Thayer,	511 05	
		1,487 47
Unexpended,		$12 53

SNOW BILLS.

Paid J. E. Camp,	$38 33	
S. E. Scott,	39 75	
L. F. Thayer,	14 50	
		$92 58

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Appropriation,		$100 00
Paid J. E. Camp,	$ 4 42	
J. E. Camp, H. A. Barney bill,	13 70	
J. E. Camp, L. F. Thayer bill,	14 46	
S. E. Scott,	20 86	
L. F. Thayer,	19 88	
		73 32
Unexpended,		$26 68

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation,		$400 00
Paid F. J. Bemis,	$4 45	
Z. C. Field,	28 87	
C. B. Lane,	28 75	
J. S. Thompson,	13 60	

Lewis Arnold,	$ 2 25	
Clark Ellis & Sons,	23 68	
Z. C. Field,	24 90	
J. A. Simpson,	25 10	
A. M. Smith,	12 50	
A. G. Burr,	1 44	
J. A. Simpson,	9 70	
A. A. Aldrich,	6 50	
Otis Whitney & Son,	9 00	
George L. Gerrish,	3 90	
		$194 64
Unexpended,		$205 36

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. F. Thayer, Treasurer,	$ 50 00	
R. F. Thayer, Selectman and Registrar,	35 00	
E. B. Stowe, " "	28 00	
Orrin Chilson, " "	28 00	
C. E. White, Overseer of Poor,	50 00	
Geo. A. Crooks, " "	15 00	
George Nelson, " "	15 00	
Seneca Burr, Assessor,	45 00	
O. C. Rhodes, "	41 00	
E. Grant, "	27 50	
H. A. Whitney, Town Clerk, etc.,	79 04	
H. A. Whitney, Officer,	10 50	
H. A. Whitney, Constable and Truant Officer,	6 75	
James O. Richardson, for Ballot Clerks,	20 50	
W. E. Fairbanks, Moderator,	5 00	
E. Grant, Auditor,	10 00	
Elwin M. Taft, Constable,	5 00	
L. R. Camp, "	5 00	
E. E. Sherman, Supt. of Schools,	500 00	
		$976 29
Appropriation,		600 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$376 29

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,		$1,200 00
Paid Overseers' orders,	$3,266 11	

Received from Town Farm,	$2,103 74	
		$1,162 37
Unexpended,		$37 63

PRINTING.

Paid G. M. Billings,	$110 15
Appropriated,	100 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$10 15

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation,		$50 00
Paid Orrin Chilson,	$10 20	
V. B. Rockwood,	32 87	
		43 07
Unexpended,		$6 93

DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation,	$40 00
Paid James O. Richardson,	40 00

LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	$75 00
Paid Alice A. Burr,	75 00

TRAMPS.

Paid John P. Thayer, care of 234 tramps at 16 2-3 cents each,	$39 00	
John P. Thayer, 1 cord wood,	3 75	
Thomas & Walcott, blankets,	4 00	
C. E. White, comforters,	2 00	
		$48 75

SOLDIERS' AID.

Paid Town of Milford, M. V. Tingley,	$131 95
Appropriation, Chaper 447, Acts of 1890,	100 00
Exceeded appropriation,	$31 95

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. D. Wilcox, watering tub,	$ 5 00	
E. E. Sherman, traveling expenses,	5 44	
H. A. Whitney, enumerator,	11 00	
Willard Kent, survey for state road,	61 81	
Thomas Groom & Co., record book,	3 65	
Seneca Burr, Collector's book,	1 75	
E. L. Burdakin, examining titles,	10 00	
C. E. White, inspector of cattle,	76 25	
A. A. Aldrich, traveling, etc.,	5 00	
V. B. Rockwood and 64 others, fighting fires,	40 90	
Fred E. Rhodes, disposing of condemned beef,	2 00	
L. F. Thayer, moving stove, etc.,	1 50	
John P. Thayer, watering-tub,	5 00	
		$229 30
Appropriation,		150 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$79 30

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid S. E. Scott, for grading,	$90 31	
S. E. Scott, drawing stone,	47 25	
P. D. West, architect,	55 00	
N. W. Sanborn, traveling expenses,	9 00	
		$201 56

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Teaching schools, care of schoolhouses, fuel, and tuition,	$3,426 59	$2,300 00
School supplies,	192 88	150 00
School books,	128 00	300 00
Highways,	1,487 47	1,500 00
Bridges and railings,	73 32	100 00
Support of poor,	3,266 11	1,200 00
Repair of town buildings,	194 64	400 00
Miscellaneous,	229 30	150 00
Printing,	110 15	100 00
Cemeteries,	43 07	50 00
Decoration Day,	40 00	40 00
Tramps,	48 75	
Snow bills,	92 58	

Library,	$ 75 00	$ 75 00
Town officers,	976 29	600 00
Soldiers' aid,	131 95	100 00
New schoolhouse,	201 56	
	$10,717 66	$7,065 00
Gave Town Treasurer 220 orders,	$10,717 66	

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Support of schools,	$2,800 00
School books,	300 00
School supplies,	250 00
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Repair of highways,	1,500 00
Repair of Town buildings,	200 00
Interest on Town debt,	200 00
Cemeteries,	50 00
Repair of guide boards,	10 00
For Chap. 447, Acts of 1890,	100 00
Decoration Day,	40 00
Town officers,	600 00
Care of tramps,	25 00
Fire wardens,	25 00
Miscellaneous,	200 00
	$7,500 00

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the above report, also the original vouchers, and find them correct.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Town appropriated $1500 for repair of Town ways the past year. The Selectmen's report will show how the money was expended. The road at Center and North Bellingham was before the rain of Feb. 6 in good condition. The roads at South Bellingham since said rain are in need of much repair to save the Town paying damages. A survey of road was made leading from the junction of Wrentham, South Main and Center streets to Blackstone line. This survey was sent to state highway commissioner, who said the money was all expended, but if the Legislature appropriated money for this purpose our claim would be considered with other towns. The bridge over Peter's river is in need of repairs. It is at any time liable to fall in. So far as we know, the rest are in good condition. Guide-boards in Center and North Bellingham are in good condition; at South Bellingham they are in need of repairs.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid S. E. Scott, Road Commissioner, bill:—

Four horses on scraper,	65 hours,	$ 32 50
Two horses on cart,	56 "	14 00
S. E. Scott,	135 "	23 23
Frank Gay,	65 "	9 75
Fred Gould,	95 "	13 50
Frank Tyler,	84 "	12 60
Willis Scott,	55 "	8 25
Frank Crooks,	172 "	26 55
Malcolm Pickering,	87 "	13 05
John Allen,	67 "	10 05
George Crooks,	140 "	21 00
Pat Gunnigan,	85 "	12 75
Willie Wales,	50 "	7 50
Herbert Staples,	5 "	75
Rogers,	40 "	6 00
S. E. Scott, two horses,	85 "	21 25
" " "	263 "	65 75

S. E. Scott, two horses,	175 hours,	$30	64	
Frank Tyler,	158 "	23	70	
W. B. Scott,	58 "	8	70	
Frank Crooks,	283 "	40	95	
George Crooks,	190 "	28	50	
P. Canivan,	25 "	3	75	
A. Garno,	35 "	5	25	
Willie Wales,	14 1-2 "	2	18	
Richard Allen,	25 "	3	75	
Fred Rhodes,	111 "	16	65	
10 rolls dynamite,		3	00	
10 caps,			50	
13 feet fuse,			39	
Sharpening drills,		1	50	
S. E. Scott, 222 loads	gravel,	8	88	
George Crooks, 27 "	"	1	08	
Eugene Rhodes, 64 "	"	2	56	
Orville C. Rhodes, 17 "	"		68	
				$481 14

Paid L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner:—

Four horses on road machine,	30 hours	$ 20	00	
Two " cart,	514 "	135	25	
One horse on "	75 "	9	35	
Alonzo N. Whitney, labor,	345 "	51	75	
George Nourse, "	361 "	54	15	
Hiram A. Crooks, "	344½ "	51	68	
Samuel Snodgrass, "	18½ "	2	77	
Albert Trask, "	264 "	39	60	
L. F. Thayer, "	207 "	36	23	
E. F. Gay, "	218 "	32	70	
Albert Hancock, "	110 "	16	50	
C. T. Brown, "	46½ "	6	98	
Charles Marble, "	130½ "	19	57	
John Gerstle, "	30 "	4	50	
Apgar, 346	loads gravel,	13	84	
George Jameson, 101	"	4	04	
Wm. H. Smith, 48	"	1	92	
Amos Bullard, 69	"	2	76	
Mrs. Chas. Farrington, 39	loads gravel,	1	56	
L. F. Thayer, 15	"		60	
6 shovels,		3	00	
2 picks,		1	70	
Repair tools,			60	
				$511 05

Paid J. E. Camp, Road Comissioner:—

J. E. Camp,	218 hours,	$ 38	15	

J. E. Camp, 2 horses,	669 hours,	$167 25		
Jerry Hanes,	90 "	13 50		
Abiram Wales,	10 "	1 50		
Thomas McGill,	70 "	10 50		
Ingram Lewis,	144 "	21 60		
Charles Metcalf,	35 "	5 25		
Cornelius Crowley,	45 "	6 75		
Edgar Colburn,	104 "	15 60		
Edward Bennett,	140 "	21 10		
Robert McGuire,	90 "	13 50		
John Haley,	110 "	16 50		
Lewis Fales,	30 "	4 50		
Henry Gorman,	30 "	4 50		
Lewis Bennett,	90 "	13 50		
Martin Connolly,	70 "	10 50		
Elmer Nourse,	243 "	36 45		
Alex Bean,	85 "	12 75		
Thomas Keefe,	14 "	2 10		
Coney Garrett,	93 "	13 95		
Peter Boucher,	84 "	12 60		
Peter Boucher, jr.,	92 "	11 50		
Eugene Hamlin,	90 "	13 50		
Lewis McKean,	10 "	1 50		
Stimpson,	17 "	2 55		
Town Farm,	40 loads gravel,	1 60		
Charles Partridge,	107 "	4 28		
Jenerson,	154 "	6 16		
Francis Metcalf,	306 "	12 24		
				$ 495 28
				$1,487 47
Appropriation,				$1,500 00
Unexpended,				$12 53

SNOW BILLS.

Paid J. E. Camp:—

J. E. Camp, 24 hours, shoveling snow,		$4 80
J. E. Camp and 2 horses, 12 hours,		3 00
Edward Bennett,	16 hours,	3 20
Edward Colburn,	22 "	4 40
Moses Richards,	16 "	3 20
Joseph Lambert,	8 "	1 60
Bates Boucher,	6 "	1 20
Walter Newhall,	6 "	1 20
William Coombs,	6 "	1 20

S. Fred Metcalf,	5½ hours,	$1	10	
John Macy,	9 "	1	80	
V. B. Rockwood,	4½ "		90	
Ruel Rockwood,	4½ "		90	
Gibson,	24 "	4	80	
Wesley Howes,	13 "	2	60	
Patrick O'Neil,	5 "	1	18	
Patrick O'Neil, 2 horses,	5 hours,	1	25	
				$38 33

S. E. Scott, Snow Bills.

Paid S. E. Scott for 4 horses,	26½ hours,	$10	75	
S. E. Scott, labor,	38½ "	7	70	
Willie B. Scott, labor,	30½ "	6	10	
Frank Tyler, labor,	33 "	6	60	
Alby Trask, labor,	9 "	1	80	
Frank Crooks, labor,	11½ "	2	30	
Will White, labor,	11½ "	2	30	
Fred Gould, labor,	11 "	2	20	
				39 75

L. F. Thayer.

Paid L. F. Thayer,	8 hours at 20c.,	$1	60	
C. T. Brown,	8 "	1	60	
Albert Hancock,	5 "	1	00	
Albert Trask,	5 "	1	00	
Hiram Cook,	3 "		60	
Charles Johnson,	6 "	1	20	
Alonzo Whitney,	8 "	1	60	
George Nourse,	8 "	1	60	
V. B. Rockwood,	1¾ "		35	
Ruel Rockwood,	1¾ "		35	
W. E. Howes,	1¾ "		35	
4 horses,	5 "	2	50	
2 horses,	3 "		75	
				14 50
				$92 58

L. F. THAYER,
J. E. CAMP,
S. E. SCOTT,
Road Commissioners.

I find the above report correct.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS, 1895.

Support of schools,	$2,300 00	
School supplies,	150 00	
Highways,	1,500 00	
Guide boards,	10 00	
Town buildings,	400 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Decoration Day,	40 00	
Military aid,	72 00	
Town officers,	600 00	
Bank and surplus revenue,	165 00	
School books,	300 00	
Bridges and railings,	100 00	
Support of poor,	1,200 00	
Town miscellaneous,	150 00	
Interest,	150 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Aid, Chap. 447,	100 00	
Library,	75 00	
New schoolhouse,	500 00	
State tax,	420 00	
County tax,	670 06	
Overlayings,	281 28	
		$9,833 34

RECEIPTS, 1895.

Massachusetts school fund,	$ 425 60
National bank tax,	93 49
Corporation tax,	1 41
Military aid, Chap. 279,	50 00
State aid, Chap. 301,	453 00
Dog tax,	207 90
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1894, in full,	2,380 16
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1895,	7,833 64
John P. Thayer, receipts from Town Hall,	63 50
C. & F. Rhodes, license to slaughter,	2 00

John Webber, license to slaughter,	$ 2 00	
Peckham & Austin, license flying horses,	10 00	
Gustavus Forbes, license to peddle,	6 00	
Overseers of Poor, receipts from Town farm,	2,103 74	
Borrowed from Milford Savings Bank,	986 33	
School fund, on account of district,	416 67	
		$15,035 44
Due Treasurer,		419 02
		$15,454 46

EXPENDITURES, 1895.

Paid state tax,	$ 420 00	
County tax,	670 06	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	610 00	
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	48 00	
Interest in anticipation of taxes,	13 67	
Interest on Baptist society's note,	37 92	
Calvin Fairbanks, salary for 1894,	96 70	
Postage and stationery,	6 00	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Sarah Holbrook lot,	1 50	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Abigail Eaton lot,	1 50	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Benedict lot	2 05	
V. B. Rockwood, labor on Jervis Cook lot,	50	
John P. Thayer, Town House expenses,	36 15	
Milford National Bank,	986 33	
Insurance on South Bellingham schoolhouse,	50 00	
R. F. Thayer, note and interest,	1,146 23	
On new schoolhouse,	500 00	
Albert Aldrich, reward for detention of burglars,	25 00	
220 Selectmen's orders,	10,717 66	
Abated taxes, 1894,	85 19	
		$15,454 46

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

1896.		
Feb. 1, Benedict fund,	$47 32	
Interest to date,	2 83	
		$50 15

Expended,		$2 05
		$48 10
Feb. 1, A. P. Eaton fund,	$53 70	
Interest to date,	3 21	
		$56 91
Expended,		1 50
		$55 41
Feb. 1, Sarah Holbrook fund,	$111 55	
Interest to date,	6 31	
		$117 86
Expended,		1 50
		$116 36
Feb. 1, E. Barber fund,	$32 19	
Interest to date,	2 08	
		$34 27
Expended,		1 00
		$33 27
Feb. 1, Jervis Cook fund,	$50 00	
Interest to date,	2 33	
		$52 33
Expended,		50
		$51 83
Feb. 1, Lavina Taft fund,	$30 00	
Interest to date,	60	
		$30 60

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

1895.

Cash on hand, balance from last year,	$ 98 23	
Received from complaint No. 390,	100 00	
" " 758,	6 28	
" " 403,	5 00	
" " 797,	5 00	
" " 814	5 00	
		$219 51

EXPENSES.

Justice N. A. Cook, No. 390,	$7 90	
" " 401,	2 65	
" " 388,	5 47	
" " 403,	3 58	
		$19 60

Justice R. G. Fairbanks, No. 758,		$ 6 28	
"	" 712,	1 63	
"	" 730,	8 80	
"	" 742,	5 10	
"	" 744,	9 45	
"	" 797,	2 66	
"	" 814,	3 95	
"	" 638,	7 46	
"	" 642,	2 91	
"	" 644,	8 13	
"	" 645,	3 74	
			$60 11

LIABILITIES.

Two outstanding notes,	$1,632 00	
Due Town Treasurer,	419 02	
Due Town Officers,	500 00	
		$2,551 02

ASSETS.

Due from Collector Fairbanks,	$2,000 00	
Net Town debt,	551 02	
		$2,551 02

R. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present to the voters of Bellingham the report of their doings for the past year.

There are at present seven inmates at the almshouse. Most of them are old people, and each year more feeble. None are confined to their bed, but often have sick spells and need good care, which they get.

We take pleasure in informing you that we have again re-engaged Mr. and Mrs. Simpson for another year, being well satisfied with their management, and especially their care of the old, sick, and infirm.

We have built a 50-foot hen house and large yard; a 40-ton silo; have laid some new floors and put some blinds on the house, also whitewashed from cellar to garret twice.

We again call your attention to the old cow-barn. It is very poor and shaky, and will not be safe much longer, and if you do not take any action this year, you will certainly have to next.

We recommend $1600 for support of the poor.

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

Farm expenses:—				
Labor,	$233	69	Paint'g wagon,	$12 00
Stock,	200	50	Standing grass,	10 00
Horse,	140	00	Repairing harness,	10 00
Fertilizer,	133	00	Brooders,	5 91
Hardware, farming tools, etc.,	89	89	Paints and oil,	5 57
Blacksmithing,	56	13	Cabbage and tomato plants,	5 55
Seed,	54	38	Ladders,	5 00
Tip cart,	45	00	Horse blankets,	4 75
Harnesses,	38	00	Lime and cement,	4 50
Wagon top,	22	00	Use of wagons,	2 25
Chopping,	17	90	Branding irons,	2 00
Potatoes,	16	45	Pasturing,	2 00
Saw bill,	13	25	Dog tax,	2 00
			Chickens,	1 70

Boar, service,	$1 00			Salt,	$4 10		
Sponges,	75			Bolted meal,	3 72		
Curry comb and brush,	75			Apples,	3 25		
Sawdust,	75			Molasses,	3 00		
Harness soap,	50			Crackers,	2 50		
		$1,137	17	Raisins,	1 95		
Grain and feed stuff:—				Cr' tartar and soda,	1 58		
cows.				Coffee,	1 47		
Meal,	$204 95			Beans,	1 10		
Feed,	116 85			Matches,	1 02		
Gluten,	115 15			Strawberries,	1 00		
Cotton seed,	54 90			Yeast cakes,	82		
		491	85	Ivorine,	80		
HORSES, HENS AND HOGS.				Chimneys,	78		
Oats,	$103 61			B. Powder,	75		
Wheat,	81 17			Rice,	75		
Meal,	58 10			Canned goods,	65		
Corn,	48 94			Pepper,	52		
C'k'd corn,	23 93					$188	88
Feed,	17 65			Meat,	$97 83		
Animal meal,	5 70			Stoves and linings,	43 20		
Ground bone,	1 60			Dry goods,	39 61		
Oyster shells,	1 50			Doctor and medicine,	20 75		
		342	20	Fish,	21 10		
Salary:—				Tobacco,	17 19		
J. A. Simpson,		450	00	Chair and desk,	14 00		
Groceries:—				Shoes,	8 75		
Flour,	$50 75			Ice,	4 75		
Butter,	38 18			Brooms and sundries,	2 00		
Tea,	24 34					269	18
Sugar,	18 75						
Oil,	9 12					$2,879	28
Cheese,	7 87						
Soap,	5 15						
Small groceries,	4 96						

INCIDENTALS.

Traveling expenses, paper, postage, etc.,	$22 31

OUTSIDE AID.

Settlement in Bellingham:—			
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care Mary Watt,	$34 36		
City of Brockton, aid to Lucius De Costa,	41 80		
Aid to Mrs. Ellen Murphy,	37 58		
		113	74

No settlement in Bellingham:—		
John E. Fisher, Worcester,	$135 00	
Mrs. Charles Pond, Foxboro,	33 00	
Mrs. Aggie E. Crocker, Uxbridge,	27 78	
Mrs. Pitman, Franklin, '94 bill,	20 00	
" "	12 50	
George L. Gerrish, Duxbury,	5 00	
Thomas Sherwin, state,	17 50	
		$250 78
		$386 83

Due from Town of Franklin, $32.50

RECEIPTS AT THE TOWN FARM.

Milk,	$851 70	Driving stock, Woonsocket,	$4 00
Stock,	223 87	Cabbage,	3 60
Eggs,	148 21	Bull, service,	3 50
Horse,	100 00	Corn,	2 82
Chickens,	95 06	Tomatoes,	2 50
Tip cart,	75 00	Team to Milford,	2 00
Boarders,	66 47	Carrots,	1 75
Wood,	38 75	Beans,	1 55
Pigs,	28 00	Beets,	1 53
Calves,	26 25	Doctoring stock,	1 50
Care stock,	16 50	Boar, service,	1 00
Pork,	16 44	Castrating pigs,	1 00
Premiums at fair,	11 70	Turnips,	75
Cook stove,	10 00	Old grain bags,	25
Labor,	9 25		
Potatoes,	8 85		
Peas,	4 07		$1,757 87

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM, APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JANUARY 31, 1896.

Land and buildings,		$3,250 00	10 cows,	$375 00	
20 tons English hay,	$400 00		1 bull,	25 00	
6 tons ensilage,	36 00				$400 00
3 tons meadow hay,	30 00		Household goods,		300 00
2 tons oat fodder,	25 00		2 horses,		250 00
		491 00	15 cords oak wood,	$45 00	
			20 cords sawed and split wood,	100 00	

27 posts,	$2 70	
		$147 70
165 hens,	$100 00	
6 ducks,	3 60	
		103 60
Ex. wagon, top and pole,		100 00
2-horse wagon,		95 00
Double harness,	$25 00	
Ex. harness,	15 00	
Ex. harness,	8 00	
Parts of harness,	4 00	
Tip cart harness,	12 00	
Light harness,	25 00	
		89 00
2-horse sled,		50 00
Farm wagon,		50 00
2 hogs,	$25 00	
4 pigs,	20 00	
		45 00
Tip cart,		45 00
Democrat wagon,		40 00
Grain,		34 40
Mowing machine,		30 00
Tedder,		23 00
Horse rake,		20 00
Bob runners,		18 00
Spading harrow,		15 00
Fertilizer,		15 00
Pork and beef,		14 00
Flour,		12 00
Ladders,		10 00
Chains,		10 00
Stove,		10 00
Seed sower,		10 00
5 bushels beans,		10 00
Carrots,		10 00
Potatoes,		10 00
Windows, doors and blinds,		10 00
2 plows,		10 00
Lincoln creamer,		8 00
7 bushels rye,		7 60
Hand grenades,		$7 60
Door frames,		7 50
Carpenter tools,		7 50
5 exhibition hen-coops,		7 50
2 churns,		7 00
Horse blankets,		7 00
Grass seed,		6 00
Horse hoe,		6 00
Hay cutter,		5 00
2-horse scraper,		5 00
Hand-cuffs,		5 00
Tea and spices,		5 00
Grindstone,		5 00
Tackle and blocks,		5 00
Pickles,		5 00
Ice saw,		4 50
Street lamp,		4 50
Vinegar,		4 00
5 stone hammers,		4 00
Stone drag,		4 00
Rubber hose,		4 00
5 axes,		3 00
Scythes and sticks,		3 00
Vise,		3 00
Old mowing machine,		3 00
3 pairs ice tongs,		3 00
Stove,		3 00
6 shovels,		3 00
7 manure forks,		3 00
Wood saws and horse,		3 00
White wash brushes,		3 00
3 wheel-barrows,		3 00
Butter,		2 80
5 hay forks,		2 50
Oil,		2 50
Ice cream freezer,		2 50
Grain cradle,		2 50
Turnips,		2 50
Pails,		2 00
Wheels and axles,		2 00
Old harrows,		2 00
Canned goods,		2 00
Soap grease,		2 00
Cross-cut saw,		2 00
Horse clippers,		2 00
Coal,		2 00

Wash boilers,	$2 00	Baskets,	$1 00
Beets,	2 00	1 barrel cement,	1 00
Branding irons,	2 00	Potato diggers,	1 00
Jockey stick,	2 00	Mattock,	1 00
Hewing axe,	2 00	Trowels, etc.,	1 00
Iron bars,	2 00	Halters,	1 00
Wire and stretcher,	2 00	Harness punch,	90
2 cranberry rakes,	1 75	Pulley and rope,	75
5 rakes,	1 50	Neatsfoot oil,	60
6 hoes,	1 50	Hog hook,	50
Hay knife,	1 50	Cultivator,	50
Post-hole digger,	1 50	Squash,	50
6 hand drills,	1 50	Sheep shears,	50
Paints and oil,	1 50	Barn broom,	50
Feed trough,	1 50	Iron rakes,	50
Whiffletree and evener,	1 50	Cant-hook,	50
5 gallon keg and tubing,	1 25	4 corn cutters,	50
4 jumper drills,	1 25	Steel traps,	50
Measures,	1 00	Onions,	30
Surcingles,	1 00	Putty knife,	25
Wagon jack,	1 00	Muck hook,	25
Meat bench,	1 00		
2 water pots,	1 00		$5,973 50
Pop corn,	1 00		

TRAMPS FROM FEB. 1, 1895, to FEB. 1, 1896.

February,	22	August,	1
March,	58	September,	4
April,	22	October,	15
May,	14	November	24
June,	0	December,	33
July,	0	January,	41

Total number, 234, at 16 2-3 cents,	$39 00	
4 blankets,	4 00	
2 comforters,	2 00	
1 cord wood,	3 75	
		$48 75

INMATES AT THE FARM.

	Age.	Weeks.
James M. Bates,	87	52
John Phillips,	83	52
Oliver Gardner,	72	52
Bridget Burke,	51	52
Mary Watt,	48	17

Clarissa Adams,	44	52
Ada I. Adams,	18	4
Sarah Cross,		24
		305

Average age of six inmates, 64 1-6 years.

Cost of inmates at Town Farm, keeping property good, but not including interest:—

Appraisal, Jan. 31, 1896,	$5,973 50	
Appraisal, Jan. 31, 1895,	5,522 97	
Gain,		$450 53
From appropriation repair town buildings,	$ 147 50	
Net expenses Town Farm,	1,121 41	
		$1,268 91
Less gain in appraisal,		450 53
Net cost,		$818 38

305 weeks' board at $2.68
307 " " 2.83 last year.
374 " " 3.82 year before.

RECEIPTS.

Full amount of orders drawn on R. F. Thayer, Town Treasurer,			$3,266 11
Money received from the following sources and turned over to the Town Treasurer:—			
Income at the Town Farm,		$1,757 87	
Due Town Farm last year:—			
January, '95, milk,	$46 59		
Mrs. Pitman, board,	13 75		
John E. Fisher, board,	23 75		
Mr. Jenck, care Taylor stock,	25 00		
		109 09	
City of Worcester, John E. Fisher,	$135 00		
Town of Foxboro, Mrs. Chas. Pond,	33 00		
Town of Uxbridge, Mrs. Aggie E. Crocker,	27 78		
Town of Duxbury, George L. Gerrish,	5 00		
State Treasurer, Thomas Sherwin,	15 00		
		215 78	

Mrs. Dexter Bates, reimbursed the Town for expense of Fred S. Bates,	$21 00	
		$2,103 74
Full amount taken from appropriation,		1,162 37
		$3,266 11

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at the Farm,	$2,879 28	
Outside aid,	364 52	
Incidentals,	22 31	
		$3,266 11
Appropriation for support of poor,	$1,200 00	
Amount expended,	1,162 37	
Amount unexpended,		$37 63

STATEMENT OF THE HENS.

Appraisal, Jan. 31, 1895,	$133 80	
Appraisal, Jan. 31, 1896,	103 60	
Loss,		$30 20
Eggs sold,	$148 21	
Chickens sold,	95 06	
		$243 27
Less loss in appraisal,	$30 20	
Less chickens bought,	1 70	
		31 90
		$211 37
The grain can only be estimated,		125 00
		$86 37

This does not include a large number of fowls and eggs used at the Farm, probably $75 worth.

STATEMENT OF THE COWS.

Stock appraised Jan. 31, 1896,	$400 00	
Stock appraised Jan. 31, 1895,	306 00	
Gain,		$94 00

Stock sold,	$223 87	
Calves sold,	26 25	
		$250 12
Stock bought,		200 50
Gain,		$49 62
Milk sold,	$851 70	
Gain on appraisal,	94 00	
Gain on sold and bought,	49 62	
		$995 32
Less grain,		491 85
		$503 47

This includes cartage, but does not include a can of milk used daily at Farm, or butter made, as enough was made so we bought $19.61 less this year than last.

CARROLL E. WHITE,
GEORGE A. CROOKS,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
Overseers of Bellingham.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1894,	$2,308 73	
Additional assessments of 1894,	8 00	
Interest, 1894,	63 43	
Appropriations, 1895,	9,833 64	
		$12,213 80

Cr.

By abatements,	$85 19		
Commission,	96 70		
Interest,	63 43		
		$ 245 32	
Paid Treasurer,		9,968 48	
Due Treasury,		2,000 00	
			$12,213 80

CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Collector of Taxes.

Bellingham, Feb. 3, 1896.

STATISTICS FROM ASSESSORS' BOOK.

Total valuation,		$711,792 00
Personal,	$132,302 00	
Real,	$579,490 00	
Number polls,		379
Horses,		290
Cows,		520
Swine,		26
Dwelling houses,		318½
Acres of land,		10,946
Fowls,		1,434
Rate of tax per $1000,		$12 75

S. BURR,
O. C. RHODES,
E. GRANT,

Assessors of Bellingham.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Cemetery Committee respectfully submit the following report:—

In the North Bellingham and Centre cemeteries we have continued the work commenced last year of clearing the yards of brush roots, have sown grass-seed in places where it was needed, and continued straightening and cementing the loose head-stones. We would recommend the same appropriation as last year to continue work.

The interest of the funds in trust has been reckoned to Feb. 1, 1896. From that amount there has been expended as follows:—

Of the Benedict fund,	$2 05	
Balance,		$48 10
Of the Abigail Eaton fund,	1 50	
Balance,		$55 41
Of the Sarah Holbrook fund,	1 50	
Balance,		$116 36
Of the Elizabeth Barbour fund,	1 00	
Balance,		$33 27
Of the Jervis Cook fund,	50	
Balance,		$51 83
Of the Lavina Taft fund,	00	
Balance,		$30 60
Town appropriation,		$50 00
Expended at South Bellingham,	$11 20	
" North Bellingham,	18 17	
" Centre,	14 70	
		44 07
Unexpended,		$5 93

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
ORRIN CHILSON,
OTTO L. BULLARD,

Cemetery Committee.

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

The Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library respectfully present the following as their report for the year 1895-'96:—

The board organized March 11 with Miss Sara T. Rockwood as chairman, and Mrs. Alice A. Burr as secretary and treasurer.

The board has held five meetings during the year. In March Mrs. Otto L. Bullard resigned as one of the Trustees, and on March 30, at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Library Trustees, Mrs. Maxcey was elected to serve for one year as a Trustee to supply the vacancy; but as she declined serving, on April 27 another joint meeting of the aforesaid boards was held, and Miss Grace Grant was elected to fill the vacancy. In August Miss Grant sent in her resignation as Trustee and the vacancy has not been supplied.

The Library has been well patronized during the forty-five weeks it has been open for distribution of books. There are 461 volumes in the library; number of patrons 162, or an average of three books for each patron.

The Library needs more books. The opportunity for choice is very limited, and the necessity of placing books at the north and south parts of the town still further restricts choice. The Trustees reserved $25 from the appropriation granted by the Town for the expenses, and expended $50 for the purchase of new books, adding one hundred thirty volumes to those furnished by the state. There have been donated one hundred twenty volumes by persons interested in the institution. The rent, lighting and heating have also been donated.

This report shows the great need of books, and in view of what has been accomplished there can be no question as to the wisdom of the Town in establishing a Public Library, and the Trustees earnestly recommend that this year the entire amount of the money refunded by the county on account of dog licenses be appropriated by the Town for the support of the Library.

MRS. OLIVE COOK,
MRS. ALICE BURR,
MRS. M. W. METCALF,
MISS SARA ROCKWOOD,
MISS EMMA KEACH,
Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Library, which contained 461 volumes, was opened for its first distribution of books Feb. 26, '95, and closed for examination of books Jan. 11, '96.

The people seem to have shown their appreciation of the privilege granted them in the number of books taken out; the circulation for the forty-five weeks has been 2344 volumes; there have been 162 card-holders during the year, making an average of 14+ for each book.

The delivery by divisions has been as follows: Biography 47; Fiction 1963; History 152; Miscellaneous 94; Poetry 18; Science 29; Travels 41.

S. T. ROCKWOOD, Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Cash on hand March 1, 1895,	$ 13 37	
Received from Town,	75 00	
" fines,	6 47	
" sale of catalogues,	4 10	
		$98 94

Expenditures.

Librarian,	$ 20 00	
New books,	49 35	
Supplies,	5 85	
Printing catalogues,	8 50	
Express on books,	1 00	
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1896,	14 24	
		$98 94

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALICE BURR,
Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1895-96.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. Billings, Printer, Gazette Office.
1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1895-96.

ALBERT A. ALDRICH,	Term expires 1896.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" 1896.
A. WHITMAN COOK,	" 1897.

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham:—

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted:—

The Committee organized in March with Dr. N. W. Sanborn chairman, and A. Whitman Cook secretary. Later in the summer Dr. Sanborn moved out of town, much to the regret of the School Committee, and Carroll E. White was elected to fill the vacancy.

In April the committees of the three towns, Bellingham, Hopedale, and Mendon, which form the school district, met in Hopedale and re-elected E. E. Sherman Superintendent of Schools.

In accordance with a vote of the Town a high school has been supported, which furnishes the first two years of a high school course, and fits pupils to enter the third year in the high schools of the adjoining towns.

A new schoolhouse of two rooms has been erected in the South Part. Only one school is now kept there. This school is large and should be divided. We hope the Town will appropriate money sufficient to furnish the other room, and support another school.

We recommend that the Town appropriate twenty-eight hundred dollars ($2800) for the support of schools, and four hundred dollars ($400) for books and supplies.

Most of the schools have made good progress during the year. The teachers have worked faithfully under the careful supervision of the Superintendent.

We would also recommend that the town still continue to employ a district superintendent, as we are confident that the best results are thus obtained.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Town Treasurer has received for school purposes:—

Income of state school fund,	$425 60	
" dog tax,	207 90	
" school bank and surplus revenue,	165 00	
Income from state, superintendent account,	166 67	
Town appropriation for schools,	2,300 00	
" " school books,	300 00	
" " school supplies,	150 00	
		$3,715 17

The Treasurer has expended:—

Wages of teachers and care of houses,	$3,240 95	
School supplies,	192 88	
School books,	128 00	
Fuel,	143 64	
Tuition,	42 00	
		$3,747 47
An outlay beyond the receipts of		$32 30

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. ALDRICH,
CARROLL E. WHITE,
A. WHITMAN COOK,
School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Bellingham:—

The second annual report of the superintendent of schools is hereby submitted.

This report covers the year beginning January 1, 1895.

During the year just closed there has been progress along several lines. The arrangement of the pupils in grades begun last year has been more nearly perfected. The beneficial effect of thus systematizing the work is very apparent. The pupil is able to note his own progress, the teacher has a definite plan upon which to proceed, and the superintendent can guide and direct more efficiently than would otherwise be possible.

The average attendance for the year 1894 was less than 91¾ per cent, for 1895 it was over 93½ per cent, an increase of nearly two per cent.

Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are well worth the effort sometimes necessary to form them. Parents and teachers may feel that they are laying a foundation for future success, when they insist upon a strict observance of these rules. In connection with this matter, I would call attention to the appended list of names of those who by their regular attendance and punctuality have earned this honor.

The High School Course has been changed to cover two years instead of three. As at present arranged the two years' work successfully done will enable the pupil to continue his studies in the third year of either the Franklin or the Medway High School. This arrangement will not prevent a pupil from attending the Bellingham High School a longer time if he so desires. This plan is adopted because we cannot with one teacher and no facilities for teaching chemistry and other required sciences conduct a High School in a manner accept-

able to the demands of the State Board of Education. As it is, the Secretary and Agent of the State Board have assured me that they will accept the two years' course we offer, and require the town to pay the tuition of those pupils who desire to extend their course two additional years in some fully equipped High School. It may not be amiss to say in this connection that the Franklin School has the reputation, and I believe justly so, of being one of the best High Schools in this part of the state.

Our High School has at present classes doing eighth, ninth and tenth year work. There will be a large class ready to enter next September. There are many in the school taking advantage of the opportunities there offered for extending their education, who would probably never have felt equal to the expense attendant upon continuing their education out of town. To these pupils the school is an especial privilege.

Attention is invited to the course of study appended.

Among other things taught in our schools, letter-writing and mental arithmetic are given prominence. In the first, the substance as well as the form is emphasized, thus giving drill in the correct expression of thought; in the second, various methods are followed—appealing to the ear by oral examples, and to the eye from the written problem. Quick mechanical work to give facility and careful analysis to ascertain the *w/hy* are required. Careful outlines to guide in the study of geography and history have been prepared. Geography requires a wide treatment wholly different from the old question-and-answer method, and teachers are now preparing themselves to give this important subject its proper presentation. The earth as the home of man is what the child is to be trained to observe and love, and we begin with the little fellow in his first year at school by adding to the knowledge he already possesses in training him to observe more closely the world of nature around him, and in leading him to imagine the wider world which lies beyond his vision.

The change from the slant to the vertical style of penmanship has reduced the perplexities of the teacher and given the child a more natural method. There are no poor writers

in the vertical script. The upright, front position required is conducive to health and symmetrical growth.

The whole-souled teaching of the history of our beloved land will do much towards awakening an interest in the welfare of its government and the perpetuity of its institutions. This should be followed by the civil government, political economy, general history, and English literature of the High School program. Would not such a training foster love of country and tend to develop that crowning product of the public school—the good citizen?

But whatever the facilities or equipment a school may have at its disposal, all are of no avail if the teacher be incompetent. The most direct way to increase the power and efficiency of the schools is by improving the teaching.

We have some excellent teachers, and I feel deeply grateful to them for the hearty co-operation they have shown in my efforts to improve the work of the schools. Without their loyal support, I could do little. The example of an earnest, gentle-mannered, pure-minded teacher is far-reaching, and a powerful influence towards the formation of strong character.

The teachers' meetings have been held, as last year, about once in five weeks. At these meetings the teachers and the superintendent study and discuss principles of education, and the superintendent advises and directs in regard to school-work. A teachers' institute, including the teachers of the three towns comprising the district, was held in Hopedale May 22, and another in Mendon Nov. 7. The programs consisted of papers and exercises from the teachers and of addresses from several leading educators. These meetings are open to anyone, and parents and friends of education are cordially invited to attend any or all of them.

A school report should frankly state the needs of the schools, and suggest measures of improvement. I, therefore, respectfully invite your consideration of the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First.—Repairs on school buildings. Almost nothing has been done in the way of repairs during the past year. This

may have been the case in former years, so that now many repairs are needed. Would it not be better in the future to do some repairing each year, and, by keeping the buildings from the weather, prevent much unnecessary wear? I recommend that the building at the Centre be shingled and painted, and that those at Caryville and the North be painted. The outbuildings at Caryville, the North and Chilson Hill need to be replaced by new buildings. The interiors of the Caryville, North, and Center buildings are dingy, worn, and soiled. The plaster should be tinted and the woodwork re-coated. To send children to dirty, unattractive school-rooms, and to place in their hands soiled and tattered books, is to educate in the wrong direction. Let the rooms and books be neat and clean, that we may teach by example as well as by precept that order is Heaven's first law, and that cleanliness is next to godliness.

The buildings occupied by the Beaver Pond, Quinobequin, and Wilcox schools are very poor, unfit in their present condition for school use. To render them comfortable, they should be re-plastered and re-floored. In some instances new windows and, I suspect, new timbers are needed.

Second.—The blackboards in most of the schoolrooms need re-coating.

Third.—I recommend that in so far as practicable the town seek to place its schools in three buildings, located at the North, Center, and South. This plan would involve the relinquishment of the small schools and the transportation of those pupils, where distance might render it necessary, to the nearest center. I think this plan would be no more expensive than the present system, and I am confident that it would prove a benefit to the children.

From the last report of the State Board of Education I quote the following:—

"There is a decided tendency on the part of intelligent and progressive communities to close the small schools in remote districts, and to transport children to the graded schools of the villages, where better classification, better grading, and better teaching are the rule."

The same volume reports 199 towns in the Commonwealth thus transporting children to and from school.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Total Enrol. ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per Cent of Attend- ance.	Total Half Days' Absence.	Number of Cases of Tardiness.	Number of Cases of Dismissal.	Number under 5.	Number between 8 and 14.	Number over 15.	Number of Visits by Superin- tendent.	Number of Visits by Others.
Caryville Primary.	56	35.09	31.79	90.59	1147	57	34	0	37	0	10	20
North Primary.	42	32.40	30.86	95.24	538	181	54	0	17	0	16	56
North Grammar.	33	31.45	30.41	96.69	364	38	18	0	28	0	14	40
Beaver Pond.	15	11.70	10.74	91.79	337	76	17	0	10	0	10	39
Quinobequin.	16	9.98	8.49	85.07	521	43	41	0	10	1	12	47
Massey.	39	28.32	26.31	92.90	756	40	87	0	26	0	17	50
High Grammar.	20	16.20	15.48	95.55	472	26	41	0	6	10	16	57
Chilson Hill.	16	13.65	13.27	97.21	134	15	13	0	9	0	10	25
City.	51	32.26	29.53	91.53	1,037	78	67	0	26	0	10	43
Wilcox.	14	8.45	7.30	86.39	393	14	10	0	9	0	8	51
Totals.	302	219.50	204.18	93.02	5,699	568	382	0	178	11	123	428

Number of children in the town between 5 and 15, May 1, 1895, 277.

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

TEACHERS.	WHERE FITTED.	SCHOOL.	School Year.	Salaries.
Marion R. Winkley.	Bridgewater Normal.	High.	40 wks.	$400 00
Geo. E. Aldrich.	Dean Academy.	North Grammar.	35 wks.	350 00
Lena M. Pfaffmann.	Thayer Academy.	City School.	35 wks.	315 00
S. Elizabeth Colby.	Revere High School.	Caryville Primary.	35 wks.	315 00
Lillian E. Parmenter.	Framingham Normal.	North Primary.	35 wks.	315 00
Myrtle E. Brown.	Framingham Normal.	Massey School.	35 wks.	315 00
Lillian E. Hodder.	Dean Academy.	Beaver Pond.	35 wks.	280 00
Mabel W. Burgess.	Woburn High School.	Quinobequin.	35 wks.	280 00
Carrie E. Daniels.	Mt. Holyoke Seminary.	Chilson Hill.	35 wks.	280 00
Flora A. Nichols.	Woburn High School.	Wilcox.	35 wks.	280 00

Other teachers who have taught during the year are Maud Morton, North Primary, two terms; Marion E. Howe, Quinobequin, one term; Edith P. Hubbard, Quinobequin and Chilson Hill, each one term; Agnes M. Nelson, Massey, two terms; Alice H. Higgins, High, two terms; and Eva F. Warfield, Wilcox, two terms.

The statistical year begins Jan. 1, but teachers who seek new places usually do so during the long summer vacation, thus it often appears as if some schools changed teachers once or twice each year. The fact is that each of the last-named teachers had taught in town a year or longer before resigning her position.

Course of Study in the Bellingham High School.

FIRST YEAR.

Quarter.*	A.	B.	C.	D.
1.	Latin 5.†	Algebra 4.	General History 4.	English Grammar.
2.	"	"	"	"
3.	"	"	"	Arithmetic 5.
4.	"	"	"	"

SECOND YEAR.

1.	Latin 5.	Geometry 4.	Rhetoric 4.	Bookkeeping 5.
2.	"	"	American Literature 4.	"
3.	"	"	English Literature 4.	Commercial Law 5.
4.	"	"	"	Civil Polity 5.

A, B, and C form the Academic Course.

B, C, and D form the Business Course.

One lesson a week is required of all pupils in each of the following studies: Drawing, Rhetoricals, and News of the Day.

General Exercises include lessons in review of Grammar School Studies, Temperance, Natural Science, and Gymnastics.

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*The High School year consists of forty weeks, divided into quarters of ten weeks each.

†The figure following a subject indicates the number of recitation periods a week in that subject.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified :—

TWO YEARS.

Florence B. Rhodes—Wilcox School.

ONE YEAR.

John J. Desmond—North Primary.

Agnes Bullard—Caryville.

Albert V. Bellan, William E. Bellan, Edith A. Maxcy—North Grammar.

WINTER TERM.

Harold Bullard, Harry Camp, George Grant, Thomas Holden, Flora Richards—Caryville.

William H. Callahan, Charles S. Foley, Timothy E. Foley, Daniel Grant, William P. Grant, James Humes, Jeremiah Kennelly, Agnes J. Macy, Francis J. Murphy, Francis J. Naughtin, Maud M. Pender, Arthur F. St. George—North Grammar.

Mary Desmond, Michael E. Kennelly, Delia Macy, Avery Metcalf—North Primary.

Emma G. Albee—Beaver Pond.

Myra Gerstle, Delphis Gariepy, Damase Gariepy, Joseph Gariepy—Quinobequin.

Harold W. Drury, Florence J. Cook, Hattie M. Cook, Susie E. Thayer, Elsie V. Trask—High School.

Gladys E. Cook, Lester Osborne, Charles E. Sears, Mary A. Sears, Elwyn C. Thayer, John E. Thayer, Mabel H. Webber—Massey School.

Amy F. Aldrich, Eugene Trask—Chilson Hill.

Carrie Whipple, Bertha Whipple, Lottie Keach, Ella Keach, Annie French, Esther Staples, Laura Cook, Roseanna Dufresne, Lillie Dufresne, Georgianna Dufresne, John Snider, William Lee, Waldo Cook, Eugene Wales—City School.

SPRING TERM.

Elmer Camp, Ida Callahan, Mary Desmond, John Kane, Ellen Kane, Bertha Nugent, Mary O'Rouke, Flora Richards—Caryville.

Chester R. Adams, William H. Callahan, Daniel Grant, Willie P. Grant, Arthur St. George—North Grammar.

Walter Bullard, Mary Foley, Myrtle Grant, Michael E. Kennelly, William Kennedy, Michael Kennedy—North Primary.

Florence J. Cook, Hattie M. Cook—High School.

Amy Aldrich, Weston Aldrich, Eugene Trask, Caroline Trask, May Fitzgerald, Nellie Fitzgerald, Helen Thompson—Chilson Hill.

Lottie Keach, Ruby Staples, Georgianna Dufresne, Corianna Dufresne, Roseanna Dufresne, Lillie Dufresne, Waldo Cook—City School.

FALL TERM.

Phœbe Paul, Melvina Paul, John Kane—Caryville.

Eugene L. Connolly, Cornelius H. Fitzpatrick, Edith E. Howes, Lillian S. Howes, Cynthia Pickering—North Grammar.

Walter Bullard, Mary A. Desmond, George E. Fitzpatrick, Myrtle Grant, Michael Kennedy, William Kennedy, James Kennelly, Henry Kennelly, Avery Metcalf—North Primary.

Gordon McMaster—Beaver Pond.

Joseph Gariepy—Quinobequin.

Elsie V. Trask—High School.

Lester Osborne, Mary A. Sears, Elwyn C. Thayer, Clifford E. Thayer, George E. Thayer, Vera H. Thayer—Massey School.

Amy Aldrich, May Fitzgerald, Nellie Fitzgerald, Annie Phillips, Ada Trask, Caroline Trask, Helen Thompson, Weston Aldrich, Maurice Fitzgerald, Eugene Trask—Chilson Hill.

Carrie Whipple, Esther Staples, Letty Wales, Etta Pickering—City School.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the second day of March, A. D., 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: 1 Clerk for 1 year; 1 Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of the Poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 2 years to fill vacancy; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Trustees of Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on the same ballot to answer the question, "Yes" or "No," "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, Support of Schools and Transportation of Scholars; 2d, School Books, Fixtures and Supplies; 3d, Repair of the Highways; 4th, Bridges and Railings; 5th, Guideboards; 6th, Support of the Poor; 7th, Repair of Town Buildings; 8th, Incidental Items; 9th, Printing; 10th, Interest on Town Debt; 11th, To pay Town Debt; 12th, To pay Town Officers; 13th, Repair in the Cemeteries; 14th, Decoration Day; 15th, Aid under Chap. 447 of the Acts of 1890; 16th, Public Library.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected, and paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the Town will accept any bills, if any are presented.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this eighth day of February, A. D. 1896.

R. F. THAYER,
A. E. BULLARD,
O. C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1, 1897.

MILFORD, MASS.:
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1897.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

SELECTMEN.

RUEL F. THAYER, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
ADDISON E. BULLARD.

TREASURER.

RUEL F. THAYER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

*GEORGE A. CROOKS,	Term expires March, 1897.
OTTO L. BULLARD,	" " 1898.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" " 1899.
†HENRY W. PICKERING.	

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

JUDSON E. CAMP,	Term expires March, 1897.
L. FRANCIS THAYER,	" " 1898.
*IRVING WALES,	" " 1999.
†STEPHEN E. SCOTT.	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ALMOND W. COOK,	Term expires March, 1897.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" " 1898.
HENRY W. PICKERING,	" " 1899.

ASSESSORS.

SENECA BURR, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

CONSTABLES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, JUDSON E. CAMP.
LUMAN R. CAMP, ELWIN M. TAFT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

*Resigned.
†Chosen to fill vacancy.

AUDITOR.

ELIJAH B. STOWE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

PROCTOR P. COOK, PATRICK O'NEIL,
GEORGE L. GERRISH.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

OTTO L. BULLARD,	Term expires March,		1897.
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,	"	"	1898.
ORRIN CHILSON,	"	"	1899.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MRS. FRANCIS METCALF,	Term expires March,		1897.
MISS EMMA KEACH,	"	"	1897.
MISS SARA ROCKWOOD,	"	"	1898.
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,	"	"	1898.
MRS. OLIVE COOK,	"	"	1899.
HENRY A. WHITNEY,	"	"	1899.

Appointments made by the Selectmen for 1896.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

POUND KEEPER.

ORRIN CHILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, CALVIN FAIRBANKS.

POLICE OFFICERS.

JOHN P. THAYER, DELACY O. EVANS,
GEORGE W. HILL, ANSON L. CASS.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, WILLIE A. BURR,
JUDSON E. CAMP, L. FRANCIS THAYER,
ELBRIDGE GRANT, HENRY W. PICKERING,
GEORGE A. CROOKS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, M. ERNEST WILBER,
SENECA BURR, GEORGE A. CROOKS.

AUCTIONEERS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, WILLIAM A. WYLIE.

SEXTONS.

ORRIN CHILSON, VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,
S. FRED METCALF, HENRY W. PICKERING,

INSPECTOR OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

JOHN P. THAYER.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT TOWN MEETING MARCH 2, 1896.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, JOHN J. GERSTLE,
DANIEL SULLIVAN, CHARLES E. MARBLE.

CLERKS AND TELLERS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, JOHN J. GERSTLE,
CHARLES E. MARBLE, GEORGE H. GERSTLE.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1897.

Horace E. Barbour,
Henry W. Pickering,
Henry A. Whitney,
Joel J. Clark,
George D. Crooks,
Albert S. Pickering,
Alonzo N. Whitney,
S. Fred Metcalf,
Elbridge A. Rhodes,
George R. Osborne,
Maurice J. Connolly,
George E. Tingley,
Edward H. Thayer,
Clarence A. Crooks,
George E. Aldrich,
William F. Wales,
Erwin A. Bates,
Otto L. Bullard.

TOWN RECORDS.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the second day of March, A. D., 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: 1 Clerk for 1 year; 1 Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of the Poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 2 years to fill vacancy; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Trustees of Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on the same ballot to answer the question, "Yes" or "No," "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, Support of Schools and Transportation of Scholars; 2d, School Books, Fixtures and Supplies; 3d, Repair of the Highways; 4th, Bridges and Railings, 5th, Guideboards; 6th, Support of the Poor; 7th, Repair of Town Buildings; 8th, Incidental

Items; 9th, Printing; 10th, Interest on Town Debt; 11th, To pay Town Debt; 12th, To pay Town Officers; 13th, Repair in the Cemeteries; 14th, Decoration Day; 15th, Aid under Chap. 447 of the Acts of 1890; 16th, Public Library.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected, and paid into the Treasury.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the Town will accept any bills, if any are presented.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this eighth day of February, A. D. 1896.

R. F. THAYER,
A. E. BULLARD,
O. C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

March 2, 1896.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said Town seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1896.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met in their Town Hall on March 2, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the warrant, and called for votes for Moderator according to Article 1.

Chose Warren E. Fairbanks.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town officers as printed in the warrant.

The Selectmen appointed James O. Richardson and John J. Gerstle as ballot clerks, Charles E. Marble to have charge of the ballot-box, and Daniel Sullivan to have charge of the check list. Also the same to act as tellers in canvassing the vote cast. They were sworn by the Clerk.

The ballot-clerks were given two packages of official ballots, one said to contain 375 for male voters, and one said to contain 75 for female voters. The cards of instruction and sample ballots having been posted, the ballot-box was inspected and register set at 000 and balloting commenced at 10.25. At 2.45 it was voted to keep the polls open until 3 o'clock.

At 3.12 the polls were closed, and the check list audibly counted by Daniel Sullivan, and 170 names found checked. The ballots were counted from the box by the presiding election officer, and 170 found therein. No women having voted, the two check lists agreed. The register stood at 000, showing that 1000 votes had been cast. The unused ballots and check list were sealed up and endorsed by the clerks, when the canvass was commenced and the result obtained at 8.15 P. M.

At 11.45 A. M. Article 3 was taken up: "To hear the reports of the several Town officers," and it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Town Clerk's, Tax Collector's, and Assessors' reports, and accept as printed. The Cemetery Committee, Trustees of Public Library, and Memorial Day Committee's reports were also voted to be accepted without reading. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Selectmen's, Road Commissioners', Treasurer's, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee's reports, and to lay the same on the table.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:—

Before any vote was taken on this article, it was voted to have a recess of a half hour for dinner, which was served by the W. C. T. U. in the lower hall.

At 1 o'clock P. M. the article was presented and the fol-

lowing sums voted: Schools and transportation, $2800; school books, fixtures, and supplies, $400; highways, $1500; bridges and railings, $500; guide-boards, $10; poor, $1400; repair of Town buildings, $300; miscellaneous items, $500; printing, $100; interest, $200; Town debt, nothing this year, excepting the $500 on new schoolhouse as voted last year; Town officers, $700; cemeteries, $50; Decoration Day, $50; soldiers' aid, Chap. 447, Acts 1890, $100; public library, $75; Total, $9185.

A committee consisting of James O. Richardson of Franklin Post, G. A. R., Henry W. Pickering of the Woonsocket Post, and Abiram W. Wales of the Medway Post were chosen to see the money expended that was raised for Decoration Day, and to have exercises in the hall by the school children as last year.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted: All who pay a poll tax only shall pay the same on demand, and all others shall be payable Oct. 1, 1896. On all taxes unpaid Nov. 1, one half of 1 per cent per month shall be added. All taxes must be paid by January 1, 1897.

Article 6. The Collector to have the same power as a Treasurer, when appointed Collector.

Voted him the same power, and his salary shall be one per cent of all taxes collected.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to exceed $3000 in amount.

Article 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted as revised, which is as follows:—

Charles J. Nugent,	Edward McKean,
Henry A. Whitney,	George E. Hawes,
Francis H. Dawley,	Benj. E. Marble,
Irving Wales,	Horace E. Barbour,
Frank E. Thayer,	George D. Crooks,
Henry W. Pickering,	Foster S. Palmer,
Almond W. Cook,	Albert S. Pickering,
Joel J. Clark,	Amos E. Bullard.

Article 9. To see if the Town will allow any bills, if any are presented. None presented.

Voted the Moderator have $5 for his services.

The canvass being completed, the Clerk read the result, and the Moderator declared the persons elected.

THE VOTE.

Town Clerk: Henry A. Whitney,	148	
Charles W. Aldrich,	1	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	20	
		170
Treasurer: Ruel F. Thayer,	142	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	27	
		170
Selectmen: Addison E. Bullard,	114	
Elbridge Grant,	58	
Orville C. Rhodes,	140	
Ruel F. Thayer,	137	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	60	
		510
Assessors: Seneca Burr,	144	
Judson E. Camp,	137	
Orville C. Rhodes,	145	
Warren E. Fairbanks,	1	
George Crooks,	1	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	81	
		510
Overseers: Proctor P. Cook,	78	
Carroll E. White,	79	
Blanks,	13	
		170
School Committee: Carroll E. White (for 2 years),	119	
Henry W. Pickering,	118	
Albert A. Aldrich,	12	
Lucian Drury,	3	
George L. Gerrish,	1	
Proctor P. Cook,	1	
Mrs. Drury,	1	
Blanks,	85	
		340
Road Commissioner: Irving Wales,	133	
Blanks,	37	
		170
Cemetery Committee: Orrin Chilson,	130	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	39	
		170

Auditor: Elijah B. Stowe,	141	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	28	
		170
Collector of taxes: Ariel B. Drake,	64	
Calvin Fairbanks,	96	
Blanks,	10	
		170
Library Trustees: Mrs. Olive Cook,	119	
Henry A. Whitney,	131	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	89	
		340
Constables: Judson E. Camp,	133	
Luman R. Camp,	135	
Elwin M. Taft,	138	
Henry A. Whitney,	150	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	123	
		680
Fence Viewers: Proctor P. Cook,	116	
George L. Gerrish,	96	
Patrick O'Neil,	113	
Irving Wales,	8	
Judson E. Camp,	1	
L. Francis Thayer,	1	
Carroll E. White,	1	
Blanks,	174	
		510
License Question: Yes,	42	
No,	99	
Blanks,	29	
		170

The ballots and check list were properly sealed up and endorsed by the proper officers, then voted to dismiss the warrant.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

BELLINGHAM, March 4, 1896.

This day received a petition from Proctor P. Cook, asking for a recount of votes cast March 2, for Overseer of the Poor. Said petition was signed by eleven legal voters. I notified the selectmen, and they called a meeting for March 7 at 7.30 o'clock in the evening at the Clerk's office, and on Saturday

evening the Selectmen met according to appointment, to canvass the vote for Overseer of the Poor.

Carroll E. White was represented by James O. Richardson, and Proctor P. Cook by Rufus G. Fairbanks. Selectman R. F. Thayer presided, Orville C. Rhodes called the ballot, and Addison E. Bullard did the checking. But six ballots found to question, and they were decided as by the tellers at Town meeting. The same number was found for each, as was declared election night, Carroll E. White 79, Proctor P. Cook 78, and Carroll E. White was pronounced elected.

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

BELLINGHAM, March 18, 1896.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Road Commissioners held this day, Stephen E. Scott was chosen Commissioner to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Irving Wales.

R. F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
O. C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

BELLINGHAM, April 21, 1896.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Henry W. Pickering was chosen to fill the vacancy on the board of Overseers caused by the resignation of George A. Crooks.

R. F. THAYER,
O. C. RHODES,
A. E. BULLARD,
C. E. WHITE.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the third day of November,

A. D., 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the Selectmen for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, Representative in Congress for the eleventh district, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillor for the second Councillor district, Senator for the second Norfolk district, two Representatives in the General Court from the tenth Norfolk representative district, Clerk of Courts for the County of Norfolk, one County Commissioner in, and for the County of Norfolk, one special Commissioner for the County of Norfolk to fill vacancy caused by the death of Everett J. Eaton. Also to give in their votes, "Yes" or "No," to the following Articles of Amendment to the Constitution: "Article 1st, Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution establishing biennial elections of State Officers be approved and ratified?" "Article 2nd, Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution establishing biennial elections of members of the General Court, be approved and ratified?" All to be brought in on one ballot. The polls may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this twenty-fourth day of October, A. D., 1896.

R. F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
O. C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Nov. 7, 1896.

Norfolk, ss.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said Town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 3, 1896.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the voters of Bellingham met in Town Hall on November third. It being a fine day they turned out well. Before the polls were opened the election officers were sworn by the Clerk, after which they proceeded to post the cards of instruction and official ballots as the law directs they shall be, with the articles of amendment to the Constitution, and at 10.07 o'clock the Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the warrant.

One package of official ballots was delivered to Ruel F. Thayer, presiding election officer, and given by him to the ballot-clerks, who were John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson.

The ballot-box was in charge of Charles E. Marble, and check list in charge of George H. Gerstle, and the same four acted as tellers and supervisors of the canvass of the ballots, and at 10 o'clock and seven minutes the balloting commenced, and continued until 3.30 P. M., when it was voted to close the polls.

The register on the ballot-box stood at 217, set at 000 before voting commenced.

The check list was counted by George H. Gerstle and 218 names found checked; the same number was checked by the ballot-clerks. The ballots were counted from the box by Ruel F. Thayer and 218 found therein. They were arranged in proper form for counting, and the canvass commenced with George H. Gerstle and Charles E. Marble as tellers, and John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson as supervisors. The canvass was finished at 7.30 o'clock P. M., and the vote declared by the Clerk, after which the returns were filled out, signed by the Selectmen and Clerk, and sealed in open Town meeting. The ballots, both used and unused, with the check list used, were sealed and endorsed by the proper officers.

It was then voted to dismiss the warrant.

THE VOTE.

Electors at Large.

Ernest C. Marshall of Boston,	23	
Daniel W. Kenney of Holyoke,	23	
Henry Winn of Malden,	2	
John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington,	173	
Wm. H. Haile of Springfield,	173	
Thomas H. Gargan of Boston,	4	
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield,	4	
Blanks,	34	
	——	436

District No. 1.

William B. Mahoney of Westfield,	23	
Franklin Carter of Williamstown,	173	
James W. Hall of Pittsfield,	4	
Blanks,	18	
	——	218

District No. 2.

Joseph F. Callahan of Springfield,	23	
Wm. M. E. Mellen of Chicopee,	2	
Augustus Coolidge of Athol,	173	
Leander B. Morse of Athol,	4	
Blanks,	16	
	——	218

District No 3.

Levi Barker of Worcester,	23	
Enoch Earle of Worcester,	2	
Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge,	173	
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley,	4	
Blanks,	16	
	——	218

District No. 4.

Henry J. Jaquith of Wellesley,	23	
Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley,	2	
Charles H. Moulton of Waltham,	173	
Charles J. Williams of Acton,	4	
Blanks,	16	
	——	218

District No. 5.

Michael O'Mahoney of Lawrence,	23	
James E. Donoghue of Lawrence,	2	
Joseph Miller of Lowell,	173	
Sam D. Stevens of North Andover,	4	
Blanks,	16	
	——	218

District No. 6.

James B. Dearborn of Haverhill,	23	
Thomas Sanders of Haverhill,	2	
Sylvanus Smith of Gloucester,	173	
Robert J. Rantoul of Salem,	4	
Blanks,	16	
	——	218

District No. 7.

Edward B. Newhall of Lynn,	23	
Wm. J. Brickley of Everett,	2	

Edward W. LaCroix of Lynn,	173	
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield,	4	
Blanks,	16	
		218

District No. 8.

John P. McCormick of Cambridge,	23	
Robert O. Fuller of Cambridge,	173	
Godfrey Morse of Boston,	4	
Blanks,	18	
		218

District No. 9.

James L. Lanigan of Boston,	23	
Wm. J. Burke of Boston,	2	
Peter Morrison of Boston,	173	
Sigourney Butler of Boston,	4	
Blanks,	16	
		218

District No. 10.

Quincy A. Lothrop of Boston,	25	
John C. Cobb of Milton,	173	
Daniel L. Prendergast of Boston,	4	
Blanks,	16	
		218

District No. 11.

William D. Leahy of Milford,	23	
James Jeffrey Roche of Brookline,	2	
Wilbur H. Powers of Hyde Park,	173	
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park,	4	
Blanks,	16	
		218

District No. 12.

Francis A. Hobart of Braintree,	25	
Henry A. Thomas of Weymouth,	173	
Charles G. Davis of Plymouth,	4	
Blanks,	16	
		218

District No. 13.

Thomas J. Meaney of New Bedford,	23	
Edmund Anthony, jr. of Fairhaven,	173	
Louis B. Thacher of Yarmouth,	4	
Blanks,	18	
		218

Governor.

Thomas C. Brophy of Somerville,	1
Allen Coffin of Nantucket,	2

Frederic O. Prince of Boston,	2	
George Fred Williams of Dedham,	27	
George Fred Williams of Dedham,	1	
George Fred Williams of Dedham,	3	
George Fred Williams of Dedham, (No party)	1	
Roger Wolcott of Boston,	161	
Blanks,	20	
		218

Lieutenant-Governor.

Christopher Callahan of Holyoke,	26	
W. Murray Crane of Dalton,	153	
Archibald Dakin of Brockton,	1	
James E. McConnell of Fitchburg,	5	
William W. Nash of Williamsburg,	2	
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke,	1	
Blanks,	30	
		218

Secretary.

Asa F. Hall of Hudson,	1	
Waldo Lincoln of Worcester,	8	
William M. Olin of Boston,	151	
Joseph H. Potts of Lynn,	20	
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly,	4	
Blanks,	34	
		218

Treasurer.

Robert C. Habberly of Hyde Park,	3	
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport,	148	
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham,	14	
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree,	17	
Blanks,	36	
		218

Auditor.

Maurice P. Cavanaugh of Springfield,	2	
Maurice J. Fitzgerald of Boston,	25	
Thomas A. Frissell of Hinsdale,	2	
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg,	145	
Rufus H. Phinney of Lynn,	1	
William P. Proctor of Marblehead,	1	
Charles C. Spellman of Springfield,	6	
Blanks,	36	
		218

Attorney-General.

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst,	5
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn,	7

Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford,	145	
William H. Morse of Chelsea,	3	
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton,	24	
Blanks,	34	
		218

Councillor.

John J. Cantwell of Brookline,	33	
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth,	151	
Blanks,	34	
		218

Senator.

Dennis H. Fitzpatrick of Stoughton,	40	
Clarke P. Harding of Medway,	151	
Blanks,	27	
		218

Representative 10th Norfolk District.

Ezra C. Comey of Foxboro,	30	
Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin,	135	
Henry E. Madden of Medway,	44	
Daniel S. Woodman of Medway,	120	
Blanks,	107	
		436

Clerk of Courts.

Louis A. Cook of Weymouth,	107	
David W. Murray of Hyde Park,	26	
Erastus Worthington of Dedham,	72	
Blanks,	13	
		218

County Commissioners.

Charles C. Sanderson of Dedham,	39	
Edwin D. Wadsworth of Milton,	156	
Blanks,	23	
		218

Special Commissioner.

George H. Mann of Sharon,	155	
Blanks,	63	
		218

Representative in Congress.

Wm. H. Baker of Newton,	38	
Charles F. Sprague of Brookline,	158	
Benjamin W. Woodbury,	1	
Blanks,	21	
		218

Amendment No. 1. State Officers.

Yes,		32	
No,		106	
	Blanks,	80	
			218

Amendment No. 2. General Court.

Yes,		27	
No,		104	
	Blanks,	87	
			218

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxboro, Bellingham and Norfolk, constituting the tenth representative district in Norfolk County:—

On the thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1896, the Clerks of the above-mentioned towns met in the Town Hall in Franklin, and examined and compared transcripts of the records of the votes cast on the third day of November for representatives in the tenth district in said county, and found that Daniel S. Woodman of Medway and Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin were duly elected, and issued certificates of their election, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, one to the Constable at Medway, and one to the Constable at Franklin, to be served by them on said Woodman and Gallison respectively.

THE VOTE.

Ezra C. Comey of Foxboro,	531
Jefferson Cushing Gallison of Franklin,	1678
Henry E. Madden of Medway,	482
Daniel S. Woodman of Medway,	1497
H. M. Bullock,	1
Blanks,	1259
Whole number,	5448

Witness our hands at Franklin this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1896.

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham,
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway,

ORESTES T. DOE, Town Clerk of Franklin,
LOUIS W. HODGES, Town Clerk of Foxboro,
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham,
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

A true record. Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

JURORS DRAWN FOR 1896.

Supreme Judicial Court, Wesley E. Howes.
Grand Juror, Amos E. Bullard.
April Criminal term, Francis H. Dawley.
May Civil term, Edward McKean.
September Criminal term, Irving Wales.
October Civil term, Charles J. Nugent.
December Criminal term, Frank E. Thayer.
January Civil term, Benjamin E. Marble.

The owners of dogs in town are getting very negligent in paying their licenses, as not half were paid June 1, and a good number not till into October. The law very plainly says "on, or before the 30th of April," all dog taxes shall be paid, and certainly by the first of June every owner of a dog should see that it is done. It would be much better to be prompt than to run the risk of paying $15, should any one be disposed to prosecute.

Dogs licensed, 112; Paid County Treasurer $220.20.

There have been several marriages solemized within the last few years in another state between parties living in this town, and they return to dwell here, "they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the Clerk or Registrar of the city or town where either of them lived at the time, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts concerning marriages required by law; and for every neglect so to do they shall forfeit ten dollars.

"It is also the duty of all parents to give notice to the Clerk of the city or town of the birth and death of their children. Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars."

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1896.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Jan. 25,	Jesse B. Chase,	22	Bellingham,	Rev. A. B. Lorimer
At Woonsocket,	Lizzie Kenney,	21	Bellingham.	
Feb. 22,	John A. Sponigle,	21	Bellingham,	Rev. C. J. White
At Woonsocket,	Lulu L. Pickering,	17	Bellingham.	
April 12,	Fred M. Rhodes,	22	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury
At Bellingham,	Lottie F. Clark,	21	Bellingham.	
April 22,	Thomas Bennett,	22	Medway,	Rev. Thomas B. Lowney
At Medway,	Rosanna Derocher,	18	Bellingham.	
July 1,	Samuel A. Peary,	42	Franklin,	Rev. Wm. S. Jagger
At Franklin,	Ellen A. Crooks,	34	Bellingham.	
Sept. 16,	John B. Henderson,	23	Milford,	Rev. Lucian Drury
At Bellingham,	Leah May Simpson,	18	Bellingham.	
Oct. 7,	Willie L. Cook,	27	Bellingham,	Rev. Lucian Drury
At Bellingham,	Grace P. Whitney,	19	Bellingham.	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1896.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Jan. 16,	Walter Scott Melrose,	George and Helen (Wood).
Jan. 25,	Mildred Fitzpatrick,	Wm. J. and Mary E. (Gaffney).
Jan. 30,	Hazel L. Burr,	Wm. A. and Alice A. (Chilson).
March 3,	Alice Auclair,	Felix J. and Julia (Lesvaque).
March 10,	Zerilla Trembley,	Felix and Exenia (Lavoie).
April 2,	James Cornelius Byron,	James and Bridget (Delany).
April 8,	Charles Oliver Bazinett,	Oliver and Georgiana (Hero).
April 19,	Florence Lillian Metcalf,	Samuel L. and Annie B. (Wheeler).
May 14,	Edith May Hogarth,	Samuel and Elisabeth (Barrow).
June 14,	Edward McGourty,	Frank and Honora (Murphy).
July 24,	Bertha Pearl Hodgkins,	Edmund and Irene (Fisk).
Sept. 12,	Ralph Grafton White,	Carroll E. and Annie I. (Forbes).
Oct. 10,	Alice Cecilia Deeley,	James L. and Rosetta (Lyons).
Oct. 28,	Elisabeth Ethel Sears,	George and Katie (Hoffman).
Nov. 5,	James William Kennelly,	James E. and Julia (Sullivan).
Nov. 20,	Marie Irene Miner,	Noah and Matilda M. (Girard).
Nov. 21,	Organ,	Alexander and Katherine (Green).
Dec. 1,	James Stephen Shea,	Daniel and Ellen (Maroney).
Dec. 15,	Ruth Hannah Haskard,	Frank P. and Bertha A. (Henck).
Dec. 18,	Mary Elisabeth Cara,	Alfred W. and Mattie R. (McKenzie).
Dec. 30,	Tingley,	Martin V. and Isabell (Gardner).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1896.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 24,	Hannah Lawrence,	69	1	20	Spinal Sclerosis.
Jan. 31,	Sarah H. Fisher,	71			Heart Failure.
Feb. 21,	Charles Edward Snyder,		3		Acute Bronchitis.
Feb. 22,	Ellen O'Donnell,	40			Phthisis.
Feb. 23,	Mary Kennelly,	58			Apoplexy.
Feb. 26,	Charles A. Wales,	81	10	1	Heart disease and senility.
March 5,	Bernedette Derocher,	1	4		Meningitis.
April 21,	Emma Boucher,	11			Typhoid fever.
May 2,	Hannah P. Shaw,	69	3	11	Carcimona of the breast
July 12,	Ida Derocher,		8		Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 3,	Beulah M. Adams,	45	5	6	Colloid cancer of the Peritoneum.
Sept. 14,	Mary Riordan,	35	7		Enteritis.
Oct. 9,	Julius A. Skinner,	75	10	24	Chronic Diarrhœa.
Oct. 16,	William Thompson,	85	7		Angina Pectoris.
Oct. 28,	George W. Cook,	54			Typhoid fever.
Nov. 15,	Sabin Holbrook,	83	1	11	Embolism.
Nov. 16,	Louisa Metcalf,	67	5	2	Valvular dis'se of heart.
Nov. 20,	Diana Wales,	50	4		Pneumonia.
Nov. 21,	Organ,				Still born.
Nov. 24,	John Kane,				Cancer of stomach.
Dec. 25,	Edwin M. Ames,	47	2	23	Dropsy.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Town appropriated $50 this year for Memorial exercises. Of this amount Medway Post had $10; Franklin Post $10; Woonsocket Post $7; printing $3.50; flowers $1.80; incidentals, 40 cents; transportation $18.45; total $51.15. The committee have done what all committees or boards of town officers should be obliged to do if they overrun the appropriations, which is to pay the difference out of their own pockets.

The West Medway Post came to North Bellingham the Sunday afternoon before Memorial Day. Much interest is taken in the exercises at this part of the town. This year there was a large gathering, and interesting exercises. Fine singing was furnished by Mr. S. A. Greenwood of West Medway; prayer by Rev. Mr. Drury, and an address by Rev. Mr. Woodland of Franklin.

On May 30 Henry W. Pickering had charge of the exercises at Rakeville cemetery. The graves were decorated, and flags placed on them as usual. The Franklin Post sent a delegation to the center on the morning of Memorial day at 7 o'clock. The ground being wet at such an early hour, but a few can get out. We hope suitable arrangements can be made this year for a full attendance of the Post, and at a time of day when all can come. Exercises were short, prayer by Rev. Mr. Drury, and remarks by members of the Post.

As Decoration day came on Saturday the committee and school committee considered it best for the interest of the children to have the exercises the afternoon before, thinking perhaps more of the children would attend, and so it proved; for about 90 per cent of the children registered were present. As the law requires exercises in the schools the afternoon before Memorial day, it seems proper to have a union exercise in the hall that afternoon, instead of at the different schoolhouses. It was very interesting, and we hope we can have the same this year. We hope the committee will not have the exercises so long but that every one can stay till the close, and then have ample time to reach the station in time for their trains. It is also suggested that the committee have music for the children to march by. The exercises at the hall were very interesting and the large audience gave close attention till the close.

PROGRAMME.

1.	Prayer offered by Rev. Lucian Drury.	
2.	"Memorial Day,"	Ella G. Rockwood
3.	Song,	City Schools
4.	Recitation,	Vera Billings
5.	"Our Country,"	Walter Bullard
6.	"Memorial Flowers,"	Beaver Pond School
7.	"Little Hands,"	Lucy Wales
8.	"Decoration Day,"	Chilson School
9.	"For Grandpa's Sake,"	Irene Read
10.	"Boys' Brigade,"	William Grant
11.	Song,	North Primary and Caryville Schools
	Address by Henry W. Pickering, Esq.	
12.	"The Whistling Regiment,"	Elsie V. Trask
13.	"Our Sleeping Heroes,"	Winfred Simpson
14.	"Battle Hymn,"	High and Massey Schools
15.	"Bay Billy,"	Helen L. Thompson
16.	"The Drummer Boy,"	Eugene L. Connolly
17.	America.	

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, for the Committee.

FOREST FIRE WARDENS.

There have been quite a number of forest fires the past year, most of them set by sparks from the locomotives on the railroad, and if satisfactory proof is given, the company allows fair damage.

FIRES IN 1896.

March 30.—On land of L. Francis Thayer and others, about 3½ acres, and a small quantity of wood. Damage $22. Set by sparks from locomotive.

April 10.—On land of Francis Tingley and others, about 40 acres. Damage $125. Probably set by someone lighting a pipe.

April.—On land of Darling and Crooks, about 4½ acres, and small quantity of wood. Damage $25. Cause, not known.

April 28. On land of L. Francis Thayer, about 3 acres, with from 50 to 60 cords of wood. Damage $140. Set by sparks from locomotive.

May 8.—On land of Charles H. Whipple and others, about 50 acres. Damage $85. Probably by sparks from locomotive.

May 13.—On land of John McCarty and others, about 40 acres. Damage $200. Probable cause, not leaving a brush fire entirely out.

May 18.—On land of Warren Lazell, about 6 acres. Damage $9. Caused by locomotive sparks.

May 28.—On land of Proctor P. Cook and others, about 25 acres; about 175 cords of wood and about 5000 feet in logs, of lumber. Damage $575. Caused by sparks from locomotive.

Nov. 20.—On land of the Town farm and others, quite a number of acres, but slight damage. Caused probably by hunters.

The Town has this year paid $52+ to Fred M. Rhodes and 85 others, for fighting fires.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
For the Fire Wardens.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen met soon after the annual March meeting, and organized with Ruel F. Thayer chairman and Addison E. Bullard, secretary.

There has been no material progress made in relation to the state road petitioned for last year at the south end, but the matter has been laid before the state board, and we hope something may be done in regard to it in the near future.

Within the last year we have perambulated the lines between this Town and the Towns of Hopedale, Milford and Medway.

The miscellaneous appropriation has been considerably exceeded on account of extra expenditures for the new school-building, and although the appropriation for repair of Town buildings has been overrun, there seems to be considerable which needs doing another year.

The full board have met the last Saturday each month to transact business and approve bills as per statement, which we herewith submit for your careful consideration.

TEACHING SCHOOL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid Emily Ball,	$308 70	
George E. Aldrich,	145 60	
Nettie J. McEwen,	297 15	
Lillian E. Hodder,	114 40	
Bertha J. Hopkins,	94 90	
Marion R. Winckley,	384 90	
Myrtle E. Brown,	121 55	
Carrie E. Daniels,	281 60	
Mary A. Billings,	433 00	
Katharine F. Allen,	288 00	
Hannah L. Dougherty,	186 65	
Amy A. Lapham,	138 70	
Mary E. Richards,	139 70	
Helen E. Richardson,	174 85	
Edward Garneau, care,	15 00	
Henry W. Pickering,	3 00	
Edward P. Gay,	3 00	
		$3,130 70

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid W. A Burr,		$100 00

FUEL.

Paid Albert A. Aldrich, coal and wood,	$40 50	
Charles Sears, cutting wood,	75	
J. E. Camp, wood,	10 50	
W. L. Palmer, coal,	17 75	
G. A. Crooks, wood,	2 50	
Erwin Bates, wood and cutting same,	7 00	
L. F. Thayer, wood and coal,	179 00	
George A. Staples, wood,	3 25	
		$261 25

TUITION.

Town of Franklin,	Jennie F. Cook,	$7 00	
	Rubie M. Wales,	7 00	
	Rubie M. Wales,	7 00	
	Jennie F. Cook,	7 00	
	Rubie M. Wales,	3 00	
	Jennie F. Cook,	9 00	
	Susan E. Thayer,	9 00	
	Elsie V. Trask,	9 00	
	Harriet M. Sullivan,	9 00	
	Alice M. Paul,	9 00	
Town of Medway,	Annie Stowe,	60 00	
	Pearl Grant,	60 00	
			$196 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Clark Ellis & Sons,	$31 85
Albert A. Aldrich,	1 90
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	8 84
Boston School Supply Co.,	16 20
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	11 72
E. E. Sherman,	2 00
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	7 50
George L. Perry & Co.,	183 30
Weeks Furniture Co.,	3 00
The Holden Patent Book Cover Co.,	3 07
D. C. Heath & Co.,	9 11
Ginn & Co.,	6 04
G. M. Billings,	3 38
Dutcher Temple Co.,	3 63

J. L. Hammett Co.,	$ 2 58	
E. E. Sherman,	1 25	
E. E. Sherman,	85	
A. W. Cook,	3 78	
G. M. Billings,	4 00	
Ginn & Co.,	52 09	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	2 40	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	8 50	
Cleveland Printing & Publishing Co.,	10 00	
Henry W. Pickering,	3 55	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	19 69	
University Publishing Co.,	2 40	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	2 70	
A. G. Burr,	85	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	6 79	
L. F. Thayer,	3 00	
The American Book Co.,	1 11	
Wm. P. Greenwood,	9 41	
H. W. Pickering,	2 25	
		$428 74
Appropriation,		400 00
Exceeded,		$28 74

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Otis Whitney & Son, windows, Massey school,	$9 00
Z. C. Field, lumber, Town Farm,	6 92
Eldredge & Beattey, outside windows for schools,	6 50
Eldredge & Beattey, paint, etc., for Town Farm,	5 06
Geo. C. McMaster, labor, etc., Town Farm,	3 94
Geo. C. McMaster, 165 hours at 20 cents, at Town Farm,	33 00
Eldredge & Beattey, paint and paper, Town Farm,	10 79
Eldredge & Beattey, paint for Town Farm,	2 18
J. A. Simpson, McMaster, labor and iron, Town Farm,	22 41
F. J. Bemis, labor and stock, old bill,	4 10
A. W. Cook, labor, etc., for school buildings,	11 30
Eldredge & Beattey, blind fasteners and paint for Town Farm,	8 00

A. W. Cook, cleaning schoolhouses,	$25 00	
" " 18⅝ days at $2.25,	42 50	
" " travelling expenses,	2 72	
" " screws and turpentine,	1 90	
" " freight,	1 05	
E. B. Cook, 20 days at $2, on school buildings,	40 00	
A. Albee, mason work and mortar, for school buildings,	6 20	
J. B. Maxcy, 26½ days at $2, on school buildings,	53 00	
O. L. Bullard, lime and mortar for school buildings,	1 50	
Clark Ellis & Sons, screens and electric bells for Town Farm,	9 75	
H. A. Cook, 18 hours, at 15 cents,	2 70	
T. E. Morse, paint, etc.,	10 12	
E. F. Gay, 25 hours, at 15 cents,	3 75	
J. D. Crawford, 15 hours, at 15 cents,	2 25	
H. M. Sanders & Co., paint, etc., for school buildings,	76 04	
Z. C. Field, lumber for Town Farm,	8 89	
F. J. Bemis, labor and stock on Town House,	99 69	
Henry W. Pickering, labor, etc., on school buildings,	7 10	
Chandler Lain, labor on almshouse,	9 00	
Z. C. Field, lumber for almshouse,	4 70	
A. G. Burr, repairs on schoolhouse,	1 25	
H. A. Cook, 9 hours, at 15 cents,	1 35	
C. E. White, labor, etc., at Massey school,	1 75	
H. C. Chilson, labor on Town Hall,	24 50	
H. A. Barney, lime and plaster,	3 90	
L. F. Thayer, labor, etc., on schoolhouse,	6 15	
Wm. P. Greenwood, glass and setting, schoolhouse,	2 80	
John P. Thayer, setting glass,	45	
L. F. Thayer, labor, etc., Town House,	8 20	
		$581 41

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Otis Whitney & Son, contract,	$2,900 00	
Otis Whitney & Son, extra work,	106 50	
		$3,006 50

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid L. F. Thayer,	$477 35
J. E. Camp,	502 69

S. E. Scott,	$517 60	
		$1,497 64
Appropriation,		$1,500 00
Unexpended,		$2 36

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Stephen E. Scott,	$134 00	
Stephen E. Scott,	28 90	
J. E. Camp,	10 20	
		$173 10
Appropriation,		$500 00
Unexpended,		$326 90

GUIDE BOARDS.

Stephen E. Scott,	$21 12
Appropriation,	15 00
Exceeded,	$11 12

PRINTING.

G. M. Billings,	$92 75	
" "	9 25	
" "	1 25	
" "	6 75	
		$110 00
Appropriation,		100 00
Exceeded,		$10 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers' orders,	$2,965 53	
Received from Town Farm,	1,570 27	
		$1,395 26
Appropriation,		1,400 00
Unexpended,		$4 74

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Sara T. Rockwood,	$75 00
Appropriation,	$75 00

CEMETERIES.

V. B. Rockwood, labor at Center,	$15 68
" " " North,	13 05

Orrin Chilson, labor at South,	$ 13 00	
		$41 73
Appropriation,		50 00
Unexpended,		$8 27

DECORATION DAY.

James O. Richardson,	$50 00
Appropriation,	$50 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Warren E. Fairbanks, moderator,	$ 5 00
C. E. White, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
O. L. Bullard, " "	15 00
E. E. Sherman, Supt. of Schools,	500 00
Luman Camp, Constable,	5 00
James O. Richardson, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00
John J. Gerstle, " "	3 00
Daniel Sullivan, " "	3 00
Charles E. Marble, " "	3 00
E. M. Taft, Constable,	5 00
A. W. Cook, time as School Committee,	24 50
George A. Crooks, Overseer of Poor, 1895,	15 00
George A. Crooks, Overseer of Poor, March 1896,	1 25
O. C. Rhodes, Selectman and Registrar, 1895,	25 00
O. C. Rhodes, perambulating Town lines,	2 00
" " Assessor 16 days at $2.50,	40 00
Seneca Burr, " "	40 00
John J. Gerstle, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00
James O. Richardson, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00
George H. Gerstle, " "	3 00
Charles E. Marble, " "	3 00
Addison E. Bullard, Selectman and Registrar,	27 00
J. E. Camp, Assessor 15 days at $2.50,	37 50
J. E. Camp, Constable, 1894 and 1895,	10 00
H. A. Whitney, Town Clerk and Registrar,	35 00
" " Recording births and deaths, etc.,	27 20
R. F. Thayer, Treasurer,	50 00
" " Selectman and Registrar,	29 00
" " perambulating Town lines,	6 00
H. W. Pickering, time as School Committee,	5 00

H. A. Whitney, Constable,	$5 00	
" " Constable in liquor cases,	6 50	
" " Truant Officer,	2 00	
		$991 95
Appropriation,		700 00
Exceeded,		$291 95

SOLDIERS' AID.

Martin V. Tingley, rent to W. A. Burr,	$10 00	
" " " "	5 00	
" " " "	5 00	
" " " "	5 00	
" " " "	5 00	
" " clothing for children,	9 11	
" " Town of Milford,	65 75	
		$104 86
Appropriation,		100 00
Exceeded,		$4 86

MISCELLANEOUS.

Albert A. Aldrich, labor and team,	$ 5 75
E. D. Wilcox, bulletin board,	2 00
E. D. Wilcox, watering tub,	5 00
Weeks Furniture Co., shades, new school building,	18 09
Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Co., furniture, new school building,	105 20
E. E. Sherman, freight bills,	2 19
Turner Heater Co., furnace, new school building,	217 68
Ross & Co., drain pipe,	22 70
E. L. Burdakin, examining titles,	10 00
E. E. Sherman, express, etc.,	2 34
Seneca Burr, tax book and postage,	2 12
Woonsocket El. Mach. & Power Co., flag pole,	17 56
Woonsocket El. Mach. & Power Co., setting flag pole,	6 40
Chandler Adj. Chair & Desk Co., furniture, new school building,	136 90
J. E. Camp, grading at new schoolhouse,	150 00
H. A. Whitney, express, ink, paper, etc.,	6 55

C. E. White, service as cattle inspector,	$75 00	
" " " "	7 00	
L. F. Thayer, carting furnace,	4 00	
P. D. West, to balance account, architect, new school building,	17 50	
Edgar M. Slocomb, sundries, new school building,	6 00	
L. F. Thayer, carting desks and seats,	2 05	
Perley Hunt, fumigating house,	4 10	
Dr. Southwick, counsel for Board of Health,	4 00	
H. W. Pickering, drawing and painting flag pole,	4 00	
John P. Thayer, watering tub,	5 00	
George E. Allen, edge for scraper,	8 00	
L. F. Thayer, wood for Town House,	10 50	
L. F. Thayer, wood for Town House, old bill	11 25	
H. A. Whitney, Fire Warden,	4 50	
O. C. Rhodes, " "	4 50	
V. B. Rockwood, Fire Warden,	4 00	
Fred M. Rhodes, and 85 others, fighting fire,	52 65	
		$934 53
Appropriation,		500 00
Exceeded,		$434 53

CARE OF TRAMPS.

C. E. White,	$ 1 00	
John P. Thayer, care 456 tramps at 16⅔c,	76 00	
" " overshoes,	1 50	
		$78 50

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended.	Appropriation.
Teachers' wages, and care,	$3,130 70	$2,800 00
Tuition,	196 00	
Transportation,	100 00	
School books and supplies,	428 74	400 00
Fuel,	261 25	
Support of Poor,	2,965 53	1,400 00
Highways,	1,497 64	1,500 00
Bridges and railings,	173 10	500 00
Guide boards,	21 12	10 00

Repair of Town buildings,	$581 41	$300 00
Miscellaneous,	934 53	500 00
Town Officers,	991 95	700 00
Soldiers' aid,	104 86	100 00
Tramps,	78 50	
Printing,	110 00	100 00
Public library,	75 00	75 00
Cemeteries,	41 73	50 00
Decoration Day,	50 00	50 00
New schoolhouse,	3,006 50	3,000 00
Gave Town Treasurer 265 orders,	$14,748 56	

ESTIMATES FOR 1897.

Schools and transportation,	$2,800 00
School books, supplies and incidentals,	400 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Bridges and railings,	100 00
Support of Poor,	1,400 00
Repair of Town buildings,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	250 00
Printing,	125 00
Interest,	200 00
Town Officers,	700 00
Cemeteries,	50 00
Decoration,	50 00
Soldiers' aid,	100 00
Public library,	75 00
Care of tramps,	100 00
New school building,	500 00

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the Selectmen's report, also the original vouchers, and find them correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

At the annual Town meeting held March, 1895, voted to build a schoolhouse at south village. Voted to raise the sum of three thousand dollars for the same, and the sum of five hundred to be paid yearly.

Chose a committee of Selectmen, School Committee, and Superintendent of Schools to act. This committee, after locating the place for the building, employed Mr. P. D. West as architect at 2½ per cent on cost of building. Proposals were received from several parties. Otis Whitney & Son being the lowest bidder, were awarded the contract for the same at $2900.

After the building was nearly completed Mr. Moore, Superintendent of Public buildings, ordered changes regarding heating and ventilation at an extra cost of over one hundred dollars.

STATEMENT OF NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation,			$3,000 00
Paid Otis Whitney & Son, contract,		$2,900 00	
" " extra,		106 50	
Weeks Furniture Co., shades,		18 09	
Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Co., furniture,		105 20	
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Turner Heater Co., furnace,		217 68	
J. E. Camp, grading,		150 00	
L. F. Thayer, carting furnace,		4 00	
P. D. West, architect, balance account,		17 50	
E. M. Slocomb, sundries,		6 00	
Amount paid last year :—			
S. E. Scott, grading,	$90 31		
S. E. Scott, drawing stone,	47 50		
P. D. West, architect, on account,	55 00		
N. W. Sanborn, traveling expenses,	9 00		
		201 56	
			$3,863 43

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Voted, March 1896:—

Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) repair of highways; three hundred dollars ($300) repair of bridges; ten dollars ($10) repair of guide-boards.

The condition of the roads at North Bellingham and the Centre compare favorably with other towns, a great improvement within the last ten years, but in the south part of the Town are not what they should be, and must be attended to or there will be costs for damages. You all know the amount of heavy carting done on the roads, and with no material for this pressure. No doubt the voters will say expend more of this money at the South part; but in so doing will not keep the roads in their present standard at the Centre and North Bellingham.

Bridges have been repaired the past year, and as far as we know will need but small expenditures. Railings need looking closely after, as poor ones are worse than none at all.

Guide-boards within the last four years have been replaced with new ones.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner:—

L. F. Thayer,	251½	hours,	$44 01
Albert Hancock,	201½	"	30 33
George Nourse,	346½	"	51 98
Edward F. Gay,	111½	"	16 83
Albert Trask,	1	"	15
Alonzo N. Whitney,	329	"	49 35
Hiram A. Cook,	387	"	58 05
John J. Gerstle,	402½	"	60 38
C. T. Brown.	50	"	7 50
Peter Bushee,	20	"	3 00
Peter Bushee, (on stone)	20	"	4 00
Charles Brown,	3¾	"	56
James Cushman,	7¾	"	1 15
Samuel Snodgrass,	39½	"	5 93
Oliver Bazinett,	15	"	2 25

L. F. Thayer, one horse, 118 hours,	$ 14 75		
L. F. Thayer, two horses, 413½ "	103 38		
Work on scraper,	1 00		
		$454	60
James Monroe, 198 loads gravel,	$ 7 92		
S. J. Lawrence, 67 "	2 68		
R. F. Thayer, 77 "	3 08		
Amos Bullard, 13 "	52		
George Jennison, 95 "	3 80		
		18	00
3 shovels $2.25, 2 picks $2,	$4 25		
1 hoe,	50		
		4	75
		$477	35
Paid J. E. Camp, Road Commissioner:—			
J. E. Camp, 194 hours,	$ 33 95		
J. E. Camp, 2 horses, 664 "	166 00		
Edward Bennett, 160 "	24 00		
Joseph Lambert, 147 "	22 05		
W. S. Peck, 170 "	25 50		
Albert Apt, 108 "	16 20		
Edward Burnham, 170 "	25 50		
Robert McGuire, 80 "	12 00		
William Joslin, 5 "	75		
Jerry Hanes, 30 "	4 50		
Cornelius Desmond, 120 "	18 00		
James Connolly, 120 "	18 00		
Timothy Foley, 50 "	7 50		
Richard Brooks, 182 "	27 30		
Wm. Craton, 70 "	10 50		
Wm. Green, 60 "	9 00		
Ingraham Lewis, 210 "	31 50		
Peter McMullin, 80 "	12 00		
Michael Connolly, 30 "	4 50		
E. L. Videtto for blasting,	2 50		
Francis Metcalf, 290 loads gravel,	11 60		
Jenerson, 110 "	4 40		
J. E. Camp, 108 "	4 32		
Abiram Wales, 8 "	32		
Wesley Howes, 42 "	1 68		
Frank Dawley, 103 "	4 12		
Shoveling gravel,	5 00		
		$502	69
Paid S. E. Scott, Road Commissioner:—			
S. E. Scott, 417 hours,	$72 99		

W. B. Scott,	198 hours,	$32 70	
Willie Wales,	95 "	14 25	
Will White,	257 "	38 55	
Anthony Christian,	138 "	20 70	
Frank Tyler,	102 "	15 38	
Jerry Bassett,	45 "	6 75	
Ed McQuade,	95 "	14 25	
John Mayo,	88 "	13 20	
Frank Gay,	30 "	4 50	
George Crooks,	30 "	4 50	
Frank Cook,	115 "	17 25	
Frank Crooks,	31 "	4 65	
Fred Smith,	42 "	6 30	
Pat Connolly,	148 "	22 20	
John Connolly,	93 "	13 95	
Fred Alton,	26 "	3 90	
Frenchman,	283 "	42 45	
S. E. Scott, one horse,	245 "	30 48	
" two horses,	219 "	47 63	
" four horses,	154 "	77 00	
234 loads gravel,		9 36	
Dynamite and repairing tools,		4 66	
			$517 60
Appropriation,		$1,500 00	
Total expended,		1,497 64	
Unexpended,			$2 36

L. F. THAYER,
S. E. SCOTT,
J. E. CAMP,
Road Commissioners.

Feb. 2, 1897.

I find the Road Commissioners' report correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS, 1896.

Support of schools and transportation,	$2,800 00	
School books, fixtures and supplies,	400 00	
Highways,	1,500 00	
Bridges and railings,	500 00	
Guide-boards,	10 00	
Support of poor,	1,400 00	
Repair of Town buildings,	300 00	
Miscellaneous,	500 00	
Printing,	100 00	
Interest,	200 00	
Town Officers,	700 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Soldiers' Aid, Chap. 447, Acts 1890,	100 00	
Public Library,	75 00	
New schoolhouse,	500 00	
State tax,	490 00	
County tax,	502 54	
Overlayings,	252 16	
		$10,429 70

RECEIPTS.

Mass. school fund,	$ 362 58
National bank tax,	72 45
Corporation tax,	1 41
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	18 00
State aid, Chap. 301,	604 00
Dog tax,	200 19
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1895 tax in full,	2,040 04
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1896,	7,996 38
John P. Thayer, receipts, Town Hall,	36 25
John Webber, license to slaughter,	1 00
M. and F. Rhodes, license to slaughter,	1 00
Gustavus Forbes, license to peddle,	6 00
Overseers of Poor, receipts,	1,570 27

Borrowed of L. F. Thayer,	$1,000	00	
Amount to be applied to new schoolhouse,	500	00	
School fund on account of district,	416	67	
John Gerstle,	2	01	
Aug. 9, '95, borrowed of Milford Savings bank,	400	00	
Aug. 23, '95, borrowed of Miford Savings bank,	800	00	
Sept. 25, '95, borrowed of Milford Savings bank,	800	00	
Feb. 10, 1896, borrowed of Milford Savings bank,	2,500	00	
			$19,368 24
Due Treasurer,			1,429 99
			$20,798 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax,	490	00
County tax,	502	54
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	653	00
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	84	00
Interest in anticipation of taxes,	31	76
Baptist society, interest on note,	37	92
Feb. 10, 1896, Milford Savings bank, interest, $2000,	35	00
Feb. 10, '96, Milford Savings bank, principal,	400	00
Feb. 10, '96, Milford Savings bank, principal,	800	00
Feb. 10, '96, Milford Savings bank, principal,	800	00
Aug. 10, '96, Milford Savings bank, interest on $2500, six months,	50	00
John P. Thayer, Town Hall expenses,	15	26
Stamps, paper and envelopes,	6	46
V. B. Rockwood, Sarah Holbrook lot,	1	50
" " Abigail Eaton lot,	1	50
" " Benedict lot,	2	25
" " Jarvis Cook lot,		50
R. F. Thayer, balance from last year,	419	02
L. F. Thayer,	1,000	00
On new schoolhouse,	500	00
Calvin Fairbanks, salary, 1895,	98	86
Interest, Milford Savings bank, $2500 to Feb. 10, 1897,	50	00

Abated taxes, 1895,	$70 00	
		$ 6,049 57
264 Selectmen's orders,		11,742 06
On new schoolhouse,		3,006 50
		$20,798 23

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

1897.			
Feb. 1, Zebina Bullard fund,	$100 00		
Interest to date,	2 00		
			$102 00
Benedict fund,	$48 10		
Interest to date,	1 92		
		$50 02	
Expended,		2 25	
			47 77
A. P. Eaton fund,	$55 41		
Interest to date,	2 21		
		$57 62	
Expended,		1 50	
			56 12
Sarah Holbrook fund,	$116 36		
Interest to date,	4 65		
		$121 01	
Expended,		1 50	
			119 51
E. Barber fund,	$33 27		
Interest to date,	1 33		
			34 60
Jarvis Cook fund,	$51 83		
Interest to date,	2 07		
		$53 90	
Expended,		50	
			53 40
Lavina Taft fund,	$30 60		
Interest to date,	1 22		
			31 82
Total,			$445 21

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Receipts.

Cash on hand from last year,	$139 80

Received from complaint No. 866,	$15 00	
" " 925,	15 00	
" " 927,	15 00	
" " 862,	10 00	
" " 883,	10 00	
" " 963,	15 00	
" " 941,	5 00	
" " 985,	10 00	
" " 964,	10 00	
		$244 80

EXPENSES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Justice R. G. Fairbanks, 839,	$5 60	
" " 863,	2 16	
" " 864,	1 66	
" " 865,	2 66	
" " 867,	1 66	
" " 866,	6 16	
" " 883,	4 49	
" " 925,	4 44	
" " 927,	3 74	
" " 932,	2 53	
" " 977,	7 03	
" " 978,	8 00	
" " 985,	3 18	
" " 993,	1 81	
" " 862,	3 90	
" " 964,	3 80	
" " 941,	3 76	
" " 963,	8 00	
		74 58
Justice O. D. Doe, 146,	$11 32	
" " 148,	6 67	
" " 151,	8 92	
		26 91
		$101 49
Balance on hand,		$143 31

LIABILITIES.

Three outstanding notes,	$3,632 00	
Due Treasurer,	1,429 99	
		$5,061 99

ASSETS.

Due from C. Fairbanks,	$2,433 32	
Net Town debt,	2,628 67	
		$5,061 99

R. F. THAYER,
Treasurer.

I have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present to the voters of Bellingham the report of their doings for the past year.

There are at present eight inmates at the almshouse; four insane women and four men. They are kindly cared for, and their health is as good at present as could be expected, their age and infirmities considered.

We have laid a new floor, painted and papered inside, got screens, also storm doors and windows; bought a new wooden pump for the cow yard. This almshouse is in as good general repair, perhaps better, than it has been; but the Inspector of Public Institutions condemns the present arrangement of the rooms, and recommends alterations so that the sane and insane, male and female, can be more separated. This can be done by taking out the large chimneys, and making more and smaller rooms.

We recommend the sum of $250 for the repair of buildings at the Town Farm, and we think with this sum we can make necessary repairs and take out one chimney on north side and make more and smaller rooms opening direct from hall, and next year alter the other side.

As we have repeatedly called your attention to the old cow barn, you will not be surprised to know that we have this year requested the Selectmen to insert an article in the Town Warrant to see if you will appropriate money to build a one-story cow shed, on purpose for the cattle; and we can use the old barn for hay. It is not wise to put this off longer, as the old barn is not safe for stock.

We recommend $1400 for support of the poor.

EXPENSES AT THE TOWN FARM.

Labor,	$324	85	Seeds,	$49	65
Stock,	203	00	Blacksmithing and repairs,	38	09
Grass pasture,	100	00	Roller,	25	00
Hardware, tools, etc.	74	82	Pigs,	17	00
Fertilizers,	58	90	Harness and repairs,	14	95
Chopping,	50	57			

Vinegar bbls.,	$7 00	
Making cider,	7 00	
Saw bill,	6 37	
Cabbage and tomato plants,	5 25	
Lime and plaster,	3 62	
		$986 07
Cows' grain:—		
Gluten,	$139 30	
Meal,	121 85	
Shorts,	27 67	
Feed,	15 50	
Cotton seed,	2 40	
		306 72
Horses', hens' and hogs' grain:—		
Oats,	$ 81 41	
Meal,	49 42	
Corn,	40 38	
Shorts,	38 95	
Cracked corn,	19 06	
Feed,	18 70	
Wheat,	16 05	
Animal meal and scraps,	2 90	
Hen food,	85	
Oyster shells,	50	
		$268 22
Salary,		500 00
Provisions, groceries, etc.:—		
Meat,	$ 83 08	
Flour,	60 25	
Sugar,	$33 70	
Butter,	28 81	
Small groceries,	24 66	
Fish,	21 55	
Tea,	16 88	
Soap,	15 05	
Crackers,	10 10	
Molasses,	5 00	
Oil,	4 62	
Cheese,	4 45	
Lard,	3 87	
Salt,	2 50	
Spices,	1 63	
		$316 15
Dry goods,	$77 89	
Medical aid and medicine,	46 90	
Shoes,	28 99	
Furniture,	26 63	
Miscellaneous,	13 58	
Lamps, curtains, etc.	12 71	
Tobacco,	11 86	
Ice,	4 70	
Dog tax,	2 00	
Brooms, brushes, etc.,	1 50	
Gazette,	1 25	
		228 01
Total footings,		$2,605 17

Incidentals.

Traveling expenses, papers, postage, etc.,	$10 75

Outside Aid.

Mrs. Ellen Murphy and 6 children,	$215 65	
Mrs. Aggie Crocker,	16 25	
Mrs. Theresa Burns,	7 00	
Dennis LeClare,	3 00	
Joseph Gerstle, (reimbursed by John Gerstle, guardian,)	107 71	
		$349 61

RECEIPTS AT THE TOWN FARM.

Milk,	$721 94	Hides,	$16 30
Beef,	117 51	Apples,	9 48
Stock,	87 50	Bull and boar service,	9 00
Pork,	61 95	Corn,	7 86
Eggs,	58 69	Doctor,	4 50
Hay,	57 50	Grass seed,	4 30
Pigs,	57 00	Pasture,	2 80
Potatoes,	51 20	Old windows,	2 00
Chickens,	39 95	Plowing,	1 80
Premiums at fair,	23 00	Harrow,	1 00
Boarders,	21 50	Cucumbers,	1 75
Calves,	20 20	Beans,	20
Cabbage,	18 00		
Peas,	16 88		$1,413 81

AMOUNT DUE TOWN FARM.

Wood,	$79 25	
Hay,	36 50	
Miscelleneous,	7 00	
		$122 75

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JANUARY 27, 1897.

Land and buildings,		$3,250 00	2-horse sled,	$50 00	
11 tons English hay,	$187 00		Farm wagon,	40 00	
10 tons English hay,	140 00		Tip cart,	40 00	
10 tons swale hay,	100 00		Democrat wagon,	30 00	
12 tons ensilage,	60 00		1 bob-runner pung,	18 00	
2 tons oat fodder,	20 00				363 00
		507 00	Household goods,		$300 00
11 cows,	$375 00		32 cords sawed and split wood,	$128 00	
2 calves,	10 00		10,000 ft. logs,	70 00	
		385 00	2,000 ft. boards,	22 00	
1 express wagon, top, and pole,	$95 00		78 posts,	7 80	
2-horse wagon,	90 00				227 80
			2 horses,		200 00
			Mowing machine,	$25 00	

Roller,	$25 00	
Tedder,	20 00	
Horse rake,	15 00	
Spading harrow,	12 00	
Seed sower,	10 00	
Whiffletrees and eveners,	8 00	
2 plows,	5 00	
Horse hoe,	5 00	
2-horse scraper,	4 00	
Stone drag,	4 00	
Old mowing machine,	3 00	
Harrow,	1 50	
Cultivator,	50	
		$138 00
Vinegar, cider and bbls.,	$20 00	
Stove,	10 00	
Lincoln creamer,	8 00	
Hand grenades,	7 60	
Door frames,	7 50	
5 Ex. hen-coops,	7 50	
2 churns,	7 00	
Handcuffs,	5 00	
Grass seed,	5 00	
Street lamp,	4 50	
Neats foot oil,	3 00	
Ice cream freezer,	2 50	
Toilet clippers,	2 50	
5 pig boxes,	2 00	
Pails,	2 00	
Wheels and axles,	2 00	
Baskets,	2 00	
Steelyards,	2 00	
Oil and bbl.,	1 50	
5 gal. keg and tubing,	1 50	
Feed box,	1 50	
Rubber hose,	1 00	
Wire & stretcher,	1 00	
Paints and oil,	$1 00	
Measures,	1 00	
Meat bench,	1 00	
2 water pots,	1 00	
Halters,	1 00	
Pulley and rope,	75	
Blankets,	50	
Surcingles,	50	
Steel traps,	50	
		$113 85
Ladders,	$10 00	
Chains,	10 00	
Carpenter tools,	7 50	
Tackle and blocks,	5 00	
Hay cutter,	5 00	
Grind-stone,	4 50	
Ice saw,	4 50	
5 stone hammers,	4 00	
5 axes,	3 00	
Scythes & sticks,	3 00	
Vise,	3 00	
3 pair ice tongs,	3 00	
6 shovels,	3 00	
7 manure forks,	3 00	
Wood saw and horse,	3 00	
Whitewash-brushes,	3 00	
5 hay forks,	2 50	
Grain cradle,	2 50	
Cross-cut saw,	2 00	
Horse clippers,	2 00	
Branding iron,	2 00	
Jockey stick,	2 00	
Hewing axe,	2 00	
Iron bars,	2 00	
Wheelbarrow,	2 00	
2 cranberry rakes,	1 75	
6 hoes,	1 50	
Hay knife,	1 50	
Post-hole digger,	1 50	
6 hand drills,	1 50	

4 jumper drills,	$1 00	
Wagon jack,	1 00	
Potato digger,	1 00	
Mattock,	1 00	
Trowels, etc.,	1 00	
Harness punch,	90	
Hog hook,	50	
Cant hook,	50	
Sheep shears,	50	
Barn broom,	50	
Iron rakes,	50	
Wooden rakes,	40	
Putty knife,	25	
Muck hook,	25	
		$110 55
Dbl. harness,	$25 00	
Light "	20 00	
Express "	15 00	
Tip cart "	10 00	
Express "	8 00	
Parts of "	4 00	
		82 00
3 breeding sows,	$30 00	
Sow and 14 pigs,	25 00	
5 shoats,	12 50	
1 boar,	$7 50	
		$75 00
Potatoes,	$20 00	
Pork and beef,	10 00	
7 bu. beans,	7 00	
Flour,	6 50	
Soap,	6 00	
Beets,	5 00	
Canned goods,	4 00	
Turnips,	2 50	
Teas and spices,	2 00	
Pickles,	50	
Pop-corn,	50	
		64 00
78 fowls,	$46 80	
13 ducks,	6 50	
		53 30
Shorts,	$4 55	
Gluten,	4 50	
Rye,	2 50	
Meal,	2 28	
Oats,	1 80	
Corn,	1 50	
Wheat,	1 45	
Cracked corn,	1 34	
		19 92
Total footings,		$5,889 42

TRAMPS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1896, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

February,	45	August,	1
March,	96	September,	10
April,	50	October,	30
May,	3	November,	44
June,	11	December,	64
July,	2	January,	100

Total number, 456, at 16⅔ cents,	$76 00	
Team carrying one to almshouse,	1 00	
1 pair overshoes,	1 50	
		$78 50

INMATES AT THE TOWN FARM.

Name.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
James M. Bates,	88	52	
John Phillips,	84	52	

Name.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Oliver Gardner,	73	52	
Bridget Burke,	52	52	
Mary Watt,	49	52	
Clarissa Adams,	45	52	
Sarah Cross,	38	32	5
Charles A. Fuller,	33	12	2
Ada I. Adams,		31	4
Lucius DeCosta,		11	5
		400	

Cost of keeping inmates at Town Farm, keeping property good, but not including interest:—

Appraisal Jan. 31, 1896,	$5,973 50	
" " 27, 1897,	5,889 42	
Loss,		$84 08
From appropriation, repairs:—		
Town buildings,	$ 124 64	
Net expense at Town Farm,	1,191 36	
Add loss in appraisal,	84 08	
		$1,400 08
Less bills due the Town Farm,		122 75
Net cost,		$1,277 33

400 weeks board at $3.19.
305 " " 2.68 one year ago.
307 " " 2.83 two years ago.
374 " " 3.82 three years ago.

RECEIPTS.

Full amount of orders drawn on R. F. Thayer, Town Treasurer,			$2,965 53
Money received from the following sources and turned over to Town Treasurer:—			
Income at Town Farm,		$1,413 81	
Town of Franklin, Mrs. Pitman,	$32 50		
Town of Uxbridge, Mrs. Aggie Crocker,	16 25		
John Gerstle, guardian, Jos. Gerstle,	107 71		
		156 46	
			$1,570 27

Full amount taken from appropriation,		$1,395 26
		$2,965 53

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at Town Farm,	$2,605 17	
Outside aid,	349 61	
Incidentals,	10 75	
		$2,965 53
Appropriation for support of poor,	$1,400 00	
Amount expended,	1,395 26	
Amount unexpended,		$4 74

STATEMENT OF THE HENS.

Appraisal Jan. 31, 1896,	$103 60	
" 27, 1897,	53 30	
Loss,		$50 30
Eggs sold,	$58 69	
Chickens,	39 95	
Eggs and fowls used at Town Farm, estimated	75 00	
		$173 64
Less loss in appraisal,		50 30
		$123 34
The grain can only be estimated,		85 00
		$38 34

STATEMENT OF THE CATTLE.

Appraisal Jan. 31, 1896,	$400 00	
" " 27, 1897,	385 00	
Loss,		$15 00
Stock sold,	$ 87 50	
Calves,	20 20	
Beef,	117 51	
Hides,	16 30	
Bull service,	8 00	
		$249 51

Stock bought,		203 00
Gain,		$46 51
Milk sold,	$721 94	
Gain on bought and sold,	46 51	
Butter of Elm Farm Milk Co., paid with milk,	20 00	
		$788 45
Less grain,	$306 72	
Less loss in appraisal,	15 00	
		321 72
		$466 73

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
HENRY W. PICKERING,
Overseers of Bellingham.

I have examined the Overseers' report and find it correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

To balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1896,	$2,000 00	
Interest collected,	40 04	
		$2,040 04

Cr.

By abatements,	$ 70 00	
Printing acct.,	3 50	
Commission,	98 86	
Interest paid,	40 04	
Cash paid,	1,827 64	
		$2,040 04

Dr.

Appropriations for 1896,		$10,429 70
Paid Treasurer,	$7,996 38	
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1897,	2,433 32	
		$10,429 70

CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
Collector.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Total valuation,	$727,115 00
Personal,	$128,910 00
Real,	$598,205 00
Number of polls,	398
Horses,	305
Cows,	474
Swine,	49
Dwelling houses,	332½
Acres of land,	11,025
Fowls,	1730

Rate of tax per $1000, $13.25.

S. BURR,
O. C. RHODES,
J. E. CAMP,
Assessors of Bellingham.

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

The Trustees of the Bellingham free public library respectfully present the following report.

The board organized March 9, with Miss S. T. Rockwood as chairman, and Mrs. Alice A. Burr as secretary and treasurer.

The board has held three meetings during the year. The library re-opened Feb. 4, '96, and has been closed but two weeks for inspection of books during the year. The Trustees have expended $69.02 for the purchase of books, adding 208 volumes to the library. Friends have donated 12 volumes. The library now numbers 682 books; number of patrons 140; making an average of nearly five books for each patron. The library needs more books, and the Trustees earnestly recommend that the Town this year make a liberal appropriation, that the number may be increased at once.

MRS. OLIVE COOK,
MRS. M. W. METCALF,
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,
MISS EMMA J. KEACH,
MISS SARA T. ROCKWOOD.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The library contains 682 volumes; has been opened 98 times during the year. Total circulation of books for the year ending Feb. 1, '97 was 2382, of which 2060 were fiction. In the other classes 38 were taken from biography, 130 in history, 96 in travels, 29 in miscellaneous, 19 science, and 10 in poetry.

S. T. ROCKWOOD,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1896,	$14 24	
Received from Town,	75 00	
Received from fines,	7 49	
Received from sale of catalogues,	50	
		$97 23

EXPENDITURES.

Librarian,	$20 00	
New books,	69 02	
Printing supplementary catalogues,	3 25	
Supplies,	2 10	
Express on books,	55	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1897,	2 31	
		$97 23

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALICE A. BURR,
Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1896-97.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1896-97.

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman,	Term expires	1899.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" "	1898.
A. WHITMAN COOK, Secretary,	" "	1897.

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

The Constables of the Town,
The Superintendent of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham:—

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted:—

The Committee organized with Henry W. Pickering, chairman, and A. Whitman Cook, secretary.

In April the joint committee of the three towns, Bellingham, Hopedale, and Mendon, which form the school district, met in Bellingham and re-elected Elmer E. Sherman Superintendent of Schools.

The Committee appreciate the work of Mr. Sherman, and we believe that under his efficient management the schools are making good progress.

We would heartily recommend that the Town continue the district system whereby we are enabled to obtain skilled supervision for our schools.

For the condition and work of the schools we would refer to the report of the Superintendent.

It will be seen by reference to the financial statement that the expenditures have slightly exceeded the receipts. The income from the state school fund and the dog tax was $70.73 less than that of the previous year, a fact which could not be ascertained until the close of the year. Old bills for tuition and incidentals to the amount of $100.69 have been paid. The expense for fuel has been greater than was anticipated. These facts may serve to explain why your Committee have overdrawn the appropriation.

The following table will show the amounts overdrawn each year, beginning in 1890:—

1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
$420.27	$455.57	$75.42	$233.56	$287.42	$32.30	$19.35

All accounts against the school department were settled February 1, 1897.

It has been the custom to estimate the expenses for the remainder of the winter term after February 1st, and include it in the financial report. This year it was thought best to give those pupils who go to work in the spring a longer winter term of school, and to make the three terms of the year more nearly equal than heretofore. This makes the school year and its expenses close with the fiscal year of the Town, as do the other departments of the Town business. By so doing the expenses of thirty-one weeks of all schools, together with seven additional weeks at the City School and six weeks of the High School, have been paid.

There are now no old bills unpaid, and the Committee start squarely on the new year, beginning February 1, 1897. The appropriation of 1897 will be applied to defray the expenses of the schools from February 1, 1897, to February 1, 1898. The amount recommended to be raised and appropriated for schools is on an estimate of thirty-five weeks for the year. If the Town wishes the schools to keep thirty-six weeks it will be necessary to increase the amount recommended by the Committee one hundred dollars.

We recommend that the Town raise and appropriate for school purposes the sum of thirty-four hundred dollars ($3400), which may be expended according to the following estimate:—

Schools and transportation,	$2,900 00	
Books and supplies,	350 00	
Incidentals,	150 00	
		$3,400 00

Under "incidentals" would be included additional seats where needed, brooms, dippers, etc., curtains, repairs on stoves, flags, printing, and other small expenses which the Town defrayed before the law for free text-books and supplies was enacted, and which, therefore, do not properly belong under that heading.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Resources.

Town appropriation:—		
For schools,	$2,800 00	
For books, supplies, and incidentals,	400 00	
Income of state school fund,	362 58	
Income of Superintendent's account,	166 67	
Income of school bank and surplus revenue,	165 00	
Dog tax,	200 19	
Books, etc., sold,	2 90	
		$4,097 34

Expenditures.

Teachers and care of schoolhouses,	$3,130 70	
Books, supplies, and incidentals,	428 74	
Fuel,	261 25	
Tuition,	196 00	
Transportation,	100 00	
		$4,116 69
An outlay beyond receipts of		$19 35

Superintendent's Account.

Received from state,	$416 67	
From appropriation for Town officers,	250 00	
		$666 67
Paid Superintendent,		500 00
Carried to "Resources,"		$166 67
The Superintendent is paid,	$500 00	
The state gives the Town, on his account, for his salary and teachers' salaries,	416 67	
Net expense to Town for Superintendent,		$83 33

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. PICKERING,
A. WHITMAN COOK,
CARROLL E. WHITE,
School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Bellingham:—

The third annual report of your Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The table of statistics for the year ending January 1, 1896, records the following facts:—

Average membership of the schools,	253.20
Average attendance,	237.39
Per cent of attendance,	93.76

The year 1896 presents the largest school membership, and the highest per cent of attendance, I believe, of any year in the history of the Town.

The following table gives a comparison between statistics of the year just closed and those of five or ten years ago:—

	1886.	1891.	1896.
Number of schools,	8	9	10
Number of weeks school,	32	33	35
Average membership,	183	200	253
Per cent of attendance,	90	92	93¾

There is gratifying evidence of the increased interest on the part of parents and pupils not only in the better daily attendance but in the decrease of tardiness. A glance at the statistics of 1895 will show 568 cases of tardiness, while the table of 1896 records 332, a decrease of 236. This has been due to the efforts of the teachers, supplemented by the co-operation of the parents.

Along with the increase in the per cent of attendance has come better work in all the grades. Again must the meed of praise be accorded to our teachers. To their ability, industry and faithful co-operation this greater achievement is largely due.

There have been few changes in teachers during the year,

and many of the schools have felt the beneficial effects from the uninterrupted work of good teachers. A poor teacher is dear at any price, but a good teacher is worthy of his hire. The Committee have wisely offered as a slight inducement for our good teachers to prolong their stay with us, an increase of fifty cents a week, each additional year of service, up to a reasonable maximum of salary. In my opinion a previous successful experience elsewhere should count the same as a like service here.

To quote from my last report: "Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are well worth the effort necessary to form them. Parents and teachers may feel that they are laying a foundation for future success when they insist upon a strict observance of these requirements."

In this connection I wish to call attention to a custom detrimental to the work of the pupil and to the class of which he is a member. I refer to the habit which some parents have of writing excuses for dismissal of the child during the school session, often for trivial reasons. School is the child's *business*. If he were paid in money for his work, a portion of which recompense he would lose by tardiness, dismissal, or non-attendance, would not these evils be reduced to the minimum which illness, bad weather, or other unavoidable causes render necessary? He is a wise parent who regards the value of his child's education above dollars and cents.

HOME STUDY.

A word of explanation may be needed in regard to the study which children above the primary grades are requested to do at home. One object of such study is to train the child to work independently, and the teachers should assign home lessons, the principles of which have been taught in school.

The child brings what he has tried to do at home to the teacher for her to examine. If it be incorrectly done, the teacher then knows that the subject must be explained to the child more carefully. If, however, the child is helped at home to do the work, or worse still, if the work is done for him, this object of home-study is defeated; the child loses the strength which is

developed in overcoming difficulties by his own effort, and the teacher cannot tell where he needs assistance.

If a child is asked to gather information about some subject upon which the parent is informed, the case is different, but in lessons especially assigned by the teachers for home work, it is expected that he will not be told at home just how to accomplish his task, or have the work done for him.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of our schools is an important attribute of our system of education. A person is educated who among other things has acquired the power of self-control, and while we train the judgment and enlarge the sympathy we must not neglect to develop, in so far as possible, habits of self-reliance and right action. We must strive to lead the child into that higher realm where he will realize the authority of right, and govern himself accordingly. So, only, can education contribute to the development of this nation along those lines on which our fathers wrought, and perpetuate that for which they sacrificed even life itself. In the hands of the teachers rests a grave responsibility. They should so govern that the action of the child is not repressed, but controlled and directed, until grade by grade the pupil relies less and less upon his teacher, and more and more upon himself. In our high schools the necessity of arbitrary control by the teacher should be reduced to a minimum, and the appeal to the youth's judgment that the teacher's ruling is founded upon right be alone sufficient to the good order of the school. That this ideal is in some measure attainable, a tour of our high schools will furnish ample proof.

That we do not more nearly realize our ideal may be, no doubt is, in part due to faulty work and imperfect systems, but it should be remembered that the child spends only one tenth of his time in the school, and the influences of the home, of the church, and alas, too often of the street, are at work moulding his character. When any of these fail to wisely supplement the school or are antagonistic to its work, then we labor against great odds, and often with discouraging results.

REPORTS.

Parents desire to be informed from time to time in regard to the standing of their children in the school work. To this end the teachers send home reports at the close of each quarter, stating the attendance, scholarship, and deportment of the pupils. In addition to this, there is a special form of report, a fac-simile of which is here given, which is sent to the parent at any time that the pupil's work is unsatisfactory in any study, or whenever his attendance or behavior is at fault:—

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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The daily record of.....

is unsatisfactory in.....

Remarks:.....

.....Teacher.

Please sign and return.

The object of this report, in addition to the information conveyed to the parents, is to enlist their co-operation with the teacher in improving the condition of the pupil in the direction indicated by the report. Parents are expected to sign and return the reports, together with any comments or inquiries they may wish to make.

Let me urge upon parents, friends and critics of the schools, a more frequent inspection of our work by each and all. A closer acquaintance with the schools would increase the interest in their welfare, their needs would become more apparent, and a healthy public sentiment in favor of liberal appropriations would become widespread.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

The teachers' meetings have been held as usual. On May 28 a meeting of the teachers of the district was held in the Town Hall, Bellingham, and on Sept. 25 the teachers attended an institute in Franklin. The teachers' meetings are open to anyone, and visitors are welcome.

The Superintendent can usually be seen Tuesday afternoon when the schools are in session, from 3 to 4, in the High School room.

The teachers have shown their interest in professional study by contributing towards the formation of a teachers' library. We have made a small beginning with a few good books. These are read by the teachers and reported upon by them at the teachers' meetings.

LIST OF BOOKS IN TEACHERS' LIBRARY.

Arnold—Waymarks for Teachers.
Compayré—Lectures on Teaching.
History of Pedagogy.
Educational Psychology.
Fitch—Lectures on Teaching.
Herford—Student's Frœbel.
Page—Theory and Practice of Teaching.
Pestalozzi—Leonard and Gertrude.
Prince—Methods of Teaching.
Peabody—Lectures to Kindergartners.
Rouseau—Emile.
White—School Management.

During the past year much has been done towards improving the equipment of the schools. Three years ago I found that nearly all of the text-books in the hands of the pupils were much worn and soiled. There were few copies with whole covers and entire leaves, and in subject matter they were behind the times. Only one room had wall maps worthy of the name, and there were no globes. Each year something has been done to change this condition of things. Each room now has suitable wall maps and globes. Kindergarten material has been provided for the first year pupils, and readers, arithmetics and geographies provided for the primary grades. The upper grades have new readers, spellers and mental arithmetics. They still need geographies, and language books, while the lower grades need spellers, and more reading material and arithmetics. Tough paper covers are provided

for these new books; they are labeled, numbered, and charged to the pupils to whom loaned; and as they are frequently inspected, any malicious or careless use of a book is promptly detected and the injury is paid for by the pupil.

A spirit of pride in their school and its equipment cultivated in the children by the teachers does much to foster habits of care and neatness. Each book is dated when first put into use, and the age of a book can thus be easily told. Most of the books purchased three years ago are still in excellent condition, and with the same care will not need replacing for years to come. It will thus be seen that by a suitable care of school property much expense is saved the Town, not to mention the excellent effects of such training upon the children.

On Feb. 3, 1896, the new City School building was opened, and the primary room occupied. The numbers soon grew too great for the capacity of the room, and on March 20 the second room was opened. At this writing the primary room registers 37, and the grammar room 23 pupils.

The grounds have been graded and a flag-staff erected. For a very reasonable outlay the Town has there a building which is a source of satisfaction to all. It is convenient for its purpose, and creditable in its appearance.

At the close of the winter term, Feb. 14, the Wilcox School at Rakeville was closed, and the pupils have since been transported to the City School at an expense of five dollars a week. This arrangement has seemed to be satisfactory to the parents, and the pupils have made good progress in school.

I understand that all of the eight children in the Beaver Pond district can be brought to the Centre for the same money, five dollars a week.

Each of the eight pupils in the Quinobequin School lives within a less distance of the Center School than do many pupils who now walk to the various schools of the Town. The pupils of the Quinobequin School could be better educated in the Center School. The Town spends more money per capita upon those children than upon those at the Center, yet they receive inferior advantages. The money so expended would equally benefit five times that number of children in a larger

school. A fire that would warm twenty-five children at the Center would keep forty children comfortable. A wall map would do as well for forty as for eight. But I need not illustrate further; suffice it to say that all the children of the Town would be benefited and money saved to the Town by closing these small schools.

I would respectfully invite your consideration of the following recommendations:—

1. That the Quinobequin and Beaver Pond Schools be closed, and that the pupils of the latter school be transported to the Center.

2. That the school buildings at the Center, North, and Caryville be painted, and the one at the Center shingled.

3. That larger stoves be placed in the rooms of the Center and North buildings. A small stove constantly forced consumes more fuel without doing the work that a larger stove could accomplish.

Your attention is called to the School Laws, Statistical Tables and Roll of Honor appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Educational Laws in Brief.

All children between 8 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, must attend the public schools 30 weeks each school year. They must begin with the first month of the fall term. Two weeks absence is allowed. Penalty for each five days excess, except for sickness, $20.

Any child under 15 being an habitual truant or wandering about in the streets and public places, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to some institution provided for the purpose for a term not exceeding two years.

No child under 13 can be employed "at any time in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment."

No child between 13 and 14 can be employed until he has attended school 30 weeks of the school year.

No child under 16 can be employed without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools.

A child under 14 must present an employment ticket on applying for a certificate.

The father, if living and a resident, must accompany the child, to sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither father nor mother, the guardian.

Proof of correct age must be furnished if the age certificate does not agree with the school census.

Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever. Two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of the patient, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or board of health.

"The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

TEACHERS.	WHERE FITTED.	SCHOOL.	Wages per Week.
Marion R. Winkley.	Bridgewater Normal.	High.	$10 50
Mary A. Billings.	Dean Academy.	South Primary.	10 50
Hannah L. Dougherty.	Norwich Normal.	North Grammar.	10 00
Emily F. Ball.	Ashland High School.	Caryville Primary.	9 50
Nettie J. McEwen.	Uxbridge High School.	North Primary.	9 50
Katherine F. Allen.	Woonsocket High School.	South Grammar.	9 00
Helen E. Richardson.	Walpole Training School.	Massey.	9 00
Carrie E. Daniels.	Mt. Holyoke Seminary.	Chilson.	8 50
Amy A. Lapham.	Providence Normal.	Beaver Pond.	7 00
Mary E. Richards.	West Boylston High School.	Quinobequin.	7 00

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1897-98.

	SPRING TERM.		FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
High School,	April 5.	June 25.	Sept. 6.	Dec. 24.	Jan. 3,'98	Mar.31,'98
Other Schools,	Mar. 29.	June 11.	Sept. 6.	Dec. 18.	Jan. 3,'98	Mar.11,'98

Holidays during the terms:—

Patriots' Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Washington's Birthday.

STATISTICS.

January 1, 1896, to January 1, 1897.—35 Weeks.

SCHOOLS.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Half Days of Absence.	Number Cases of Tardiness.	Number Cases of Dismissal.	Number Cases of Truancy.	Number Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Number Visits by Superintendent.	Number Visits by Others.
Caryville Primary.	39.45	36.02	91.30	1202	25	29	1	0	13	15
North Primary.	41.29	39.29	95.15	700	69	32	0	0	16	25
North Grammar.	32.62	30.98	94.97	574	15	35	2	7	19	48
Beaver Pond.	9.89	9.29	94.54	189	38	15	0	3	12	38
Quinobequin.	7.78	6.94	89.20	292	57	25	0	3	13	46
Massey.	31.75	29.83	93.95	654	87	87	0	0	15	55
High-Grammar.	16.20	14.91	92.06	500	17	29	1	0	18	52
Chilson.	14.88	14.58	97.96	106	15	23	0	0	13	48
City Primary.	37.70	35.42	93.97	795	4	5	0	0	16	66
†City Grammar.	14.79	14.22	96.14	159	3	25	0	0	12	59
‡Wilcox—7 weeks.	6.85	5.91	87.50	60	2	3	0	0	2	5
Totals.	253.20	237.39	93.76	5231	332	308	4	13	149	457

†Opened March 20, 1896. ‡Closed February 14, 1896.

Total enrolment of schools,	314
Number under 5 years of age,	0
Number between 5 and 8,	96
Number between 8 and 14,	185
Number between 14 and 15,	18
Number over 15,	15
Number of children in town between 5 and 15, May 1, 1896,	276
Number of children in town between 8 and 14, May 1, 1896,	173

Course of Study in the Bellingham High School.

FIRST YEAR.

Quarter.*	A.	B.	C.	D.
1.	Latin 5.†	Algebra 4.	General History 4.	English Grammar.
2.	"	"	"	"
3.	"	"	"	Arithmetic 5.
4.	"	"	"	"

SECOND YEAR.

1.	Latin 5.	Geometry 4.	Rhetoric 4.	Bookkeeping 5.
2.	"	"	American Literature 4.	"
3.	"	"	English Literature 4.	Commercial Law 5.
4.	"	"	"	Civil Polity 5.

A, B, and C form the Academic Course.

B, C, and D form the Business Course.

One lesson a week is required of all pupils in each of the following studies: Drawing, Rhetoricals, and News of the Day.

General Exercises include lessons in review of Grammar School Studies, Temperance, Natural Science, and Gymnastics.

*The High School year consists of forty weeks, divided into quarters of ten weeks each.

†The figure following a subject indicates the number of recitation periods a week in that subject.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION,

Friday Evening, June 19th, 1896, at 8 O'clock,

TOWN HALL, BELLINGHAM.

PROGRAMME.

March, ... Warner
ORCHESTRA.

Prayer, ...
REV. LUCIAN DRURY.

Salutatory with Essay—"The Story of Enoch Arden," . .
ALICE MAUD PAUL.

Recitation—"The Last Hymn," . . . . .
SUSIE ELIZABETH THAYER.

Piano Solo, ... G. E. Bailey
BERTHA ANNA KEYES.

Essay—"Character," . . . . . .
HARRIET MARGARET SULLIVAN.

Music, ... D. Godfrey
ORCHESTRA.

INTERMISSION.

Dumb-bell Exercise, ...
SCHOOL.

Piano Solo, ... Carl Bohm
ALICE M. PAUL.

Class Prophecy, ...
KATHERINE ANNA MACMASTERS.

Music, ... Scotson Clark
HARRIET M. SULLIVAN.

Valedictory with Essay—"Vestigia nulla retrorsum," . .
ELSIE VERONA TRASK.

Address, ...
SUPT. E. D. DANIELS.

Presentation of Certificates, ...
SUPT. E. E. SHERMAN.

Music—Selected, ...
ORCHESTRA.

GRADUATES.

ACADEMIC COURSE.

HARRIET MARGARET SULLIVAN, ELSIE VERONA TRASK,
ALICE MAUD PAUL, KATHERINE ANNA MACMASTERS.

ENGLISH COURSE.

SUSIE ELIZABETH THAYER.

Class Motto: "Vestigia nulla retrorsum."

Class Color—Pink and White.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified :—

TWO YEARS.

Edith A. Maxcy—North Grammar.

ONE YEAR.

Bertha Nugent, Phœbe Paul, Melvina Paul—Caryville Primary.

George E. Fitzpatrick, Oscar S. Metcalf, William E. Beach, James A. Beach—North Grammar.

Michael Kennelly, Fred Foley, Michael J. Kennedy, William Kennedy—North Primary.

Nellie Fitzgerald, Ada Trask, Caroline Trask, Annie Phillips—Chilson.

Esther D. Staples, Bertha M. Whipple—City Grammar.

Robie E. Staples—City Primary.

WINTER TERM.

Agnes Bullard, Harry Camp—Caryville Primary.

William Bellan, Albert Bellan, Ida Calahan, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Charles Foley, Timothy Foley, Mary Kane, Jeremiah Kennelly, Mary Macy, Cynthia Pickering, Mary Ryan, Ethel Tingley, John J. Desmond, Myrtle R. Grant, Emeline Bellan—North Primary.

Emma G. Albee, Winfred J. Simpson, Daniel H. Bates—Beaver Pond.

Delphis Gariepy, Bertha A. Keyes, Susie E. Thayer—High School.

Mary A. Sears, Charles Sears, Bertha Thayer, George Thayer, Clifford Thayer—Massey.

May Fitzgerald, Eugene Trask, Helen Thompson—Chilson.

Annie French, Carrie Whipple, Mary McCarthy, Lora Garneau, Sara Garneau, Mollie Lippolt, Fred Brown, George Brown, George Souze, Eugene Wales, William Garneau, Benjamin Staples—City Primary.

SPRING TERM.

Agnes Bullard, Irene Read, Fred Grant, George Tingley, Lizzie Bigwood—Caryville Primary.

Chester Adams, Albert Bellan, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Charles Foley, Jeremiah Kennelly, Rose Kennelly—North Grammar.

Mary A. Desmond, Mary P. Desmond, Lizzie E. Burns, J. Francis Desmond, John J. Desmond, J. Henry Foley—North Primary.

Linda M. Bates—Beaver Pond.

Bertha Keyes, Arthur St. George, Susie E. Thayer—High School.

Charles Sears, John Sears, Elwyn Thayer—Massey.

Bertha Phillips, John Peterson, May Fitzgerald, Weston Aldrich—Chilson.

Mary A. Pickering, Bertha W. Pickering, Laura A. Cook, Waldo I. Cook—City Grammar.

Pansy Usher, Mollie Lippolt, Henry Dion—City Primary.

FALL TERM.

Lizzie Bigwood, Hattie Miette, Harry Camp, Elmer Camp, George Tingley, Earl Tingley—Caryville Primary.

Chester Adams, Ernest Camp, William Grant, Lillian Howes, Mary Desmond, Orrin Davison, Mary Macy, Cynthia Pickering, Ethel Tingley, Oscar Metcalf—North Grammar.

Henry Kennelly, James Kennelly, Martin Kennelly, William Murphy, Michael Smith, Michael Dwyer, Joseph Naughtin, Delia Macy, Mary P. Desmond, Ethel Maxcy, Mary Foley, Mary Beazley—North Primary.

E. Gertrude Rockwood, Joseph Gariepy, Ernest Belcher—Quinobequin.

Vera L. Billings, Florence J. Cook, Bessie H. Keyes, James A. Munroe, Bertha Thayer, Delphis Gariepy—High School.

Lottie Gay, John Sears, Lilla Spencer, Alice Spencer, George Thayer, Vera Thayer—Massey.

Amy Aldrich, Weston Aldrich, Maurice Fitzgerald, Bertha Phillips, Eugene Trask, John Peterson, Helen Thompson—Chilson.

Carrie E. Whipple, Etta M. Pickering, Florence L. French, Waldo I. Cook, Harold M. Speakman—City Grammar.

Annie M. French, Grace L. McCarthy, Vessie M. Burr, Mary I. McCarthy, Mabel L. Whipple, Lora Garneau, Lillie Garneau, George W. Brown, Henry A. McCarthy, Fred E. Brown, Benjamin E. Staples, Fred C. Whipple—City Primary.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the first day of March, A. D., 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk for 1 year; Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 2 years to fill vacancy; 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; Auditor for 1 year; Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Trustees of Free Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on the same ballot, to answer the following question "Yes" or "No," "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this Town? Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the several boards of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, Support of Schools, including Books, Supplies, Incidentals, and Transportation of Scholars; 2d, Repair of Highways, Bridges, Railings, and Guide-boards; 3d, Support of Poor; 4th, Repair of Town Buildings; 5th, Miscellaneous Expenses; 6th, Printing; 7th, Interest on Town Debt; 8th, To pay Town Debt; 9th, To pay Town Officers; 10th, Repairs in Cemeteries; 11th, Decoration Day; 12th, Free Public Library; 13th, Indigent Soldiers' Aid; 14th, Care of Tramps.

ARTICLE 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated, shall be collected and paid in to Treasury.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will allow any bills that may be presented.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to build a cow shed at the Town Farm, or act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to selling the two unoccupied School buildings at the South part of the Town, or act or do anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this fifteenth day of February, A. D., 1897.

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,

Constable of Bellingham.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1, 1898.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

TOWN CLERK.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TOWN TREASURER.

RUEL F. THAYER.

SELECTMEN.

RUEL F. THAYER, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
ADDISON E. BULLARD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OTTO L. BULLARD,	Term expires March, 1898.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	Term expires March, 1899.
HENRY W. PICKERING,	Term expires March, 1900.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

L. FRANCIS THAYER,	Term expires March, 1898.
FRED M. RHODES,	Term expires March, 1899.
MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,	Term expires March, 1900.

ASSESSORS.

SENECA BURR, ORVILLE C. RHODES,
JUDSON E. CAMP.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CARROLL E. WHITE,	Term expires March, 1898.
HENRY W. PICKERING,	Term expires March, 1899.
J. HORTON HOWARD,	Term expires March, 1900.

CONSTABLES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, LUMAN R. CAMP,
ELWIN M. TAFT, GEORGE F. NUGENT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JUDSON E. CAMP.

AUDITOR.

ELIJAH B. STOWE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, LUMAN R. CAMP,
ELWIN M. TAFT.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD,	Term expires March, 1898.
ORRIN CHILSON,	Term expires March, 1899.
OTTO L. BULLARD,	Term expires March, 1900.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MISS SARA ROCKWOOD,	Term expires March, 1898.
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,	Term expires March, 1898.
MRS. OLIVE COOK,	Term expires March, 1899.
HENRY A. WHITNEY,	Term expires March, 1899.
MRS. MARY W. METCALF,	Term expires March, 1900.
WESLEY E. HOWES,	Term expires March, 1900.

Appointments made by the Selectmen for the year 1897.

FIELD DRIVERS.

MILTON R. BILLINGS, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,
JOHN BUCKLEY.

POUND KEEPER.

ORRIN CHILSON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, CALVIN FAIRBANKS,
ORVILLE C. RHODES, HENRY A. WHITNEY.

POLICE OFFICERS.

JOHN P. THAYER, DELACY O. EVANS,
GEORGE W. HILL, ANSON L. CASS.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

CALVIN FAIRBANKS, JUDSON E. CAMP,
ELBRIDGE GRANT, WILLIE A. BURR,
L. FRANCIS THAYER, HENRY W. PICKERING,
CHARLES F. CROOKS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

LUMAN R. CAMP, SENECA BURR,
M. ERNEST WILBUR, HIRAM E. CROOKS.

AUCTIONEERS.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, S. FRED METCALF.

SEXTONS.

ORRIN CHILSON, S. FRED METCALF,
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, HENRY W. PICKERING.

INSPECTOR OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

CARROLL E. WHITE.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

JOHN P. THAYER.

BURIAL AGENT UNDER CHAPTER 279, ACTS 1896, AMENDED BY CHAPTER 164, ACTS 1897.

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1897.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, JOHN J. GERSTLE,
CHARLES E. MARBLE, GEORGE R. OSBORNE.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, JOHN J. GERSTLE,
CHARLES E. MARBLE, GEORGE H. GERSTLE.

TOWN RECORDS.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bellingham,
Greeting:

In the name of Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the first day of March, A. D., 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: Town Clerk for 1 year; Treasurer for 1 year; 3 Selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 2 years to fill vacancy, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; Auditor for 1 year; Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Trustees of Free Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on the same ballot, to answer the following question "Yes" or "No," "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town? Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the several boards of town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, Support of Schools, including Books, Supplies, Incidentals, and Transportation of Scholars; 2d, Repair of Highways, Bridges, Railings and Guide-boards; 3d, Support of Poor; 4th, Repair of Town Buildings; 5th, Miscellaneous Expenses; 6th, Printing;

7th, Interest on town debt; 8th, To pay town debt; 9th, To pay town officers; 10th, Repairs in Cemeteries; 11th, Decoration Day; 12th, Free Public Library; 13th, Indigent Soldiers' Aid; 14th, Care of Tramps.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated, shall be collected and paid in to treasury.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the town will allow any bills that may be presented.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to build a cow-shed at the Town Farm, or act or do anything thereon.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to selling the two unoccupied school buildings at the south part of the town, or act or do anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this fifteenth day of February, A. D., 1897.

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

March 1, 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham to meet at time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in said town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1897.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in their Town Hall, March 1, 1897, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, who read the warrant, and called for votes for moderator according to Article 1, and Warren E. Fairbanks was chosen.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary town officers, as printed in the warrant.

The selectmen appointed John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson as ballot clerks, Charles E. Marble to have charge of ballot-box, and George R. Osborne in charge of the check list, also the same to act as tellers and supervisors in canvassing the vote. They were sworn by the Clerk, when they were given two packages of offical ballots, one said to contain 425 for male voters, and one said to contain 75 for female voters. The cards of instructions and sample ballots having been posted, the ballot-box was inspected and register set at 000.

Balloting commenced at 10.25. At 2.35 P. M. it was voted to close the polls at 3 o'clock, and they were closed at that time. The check list was audibly counted by George R. Osborne, and 175 names found checked. The ballots were counted from the box by the presiding election officer, and 175 found therein. The two check lists agreed in number of names checked. No women voted. The register stood at 175. The unused ballots and check list were sealed up and endorsed by the clerk,when the canvass was commenced and the result obtained at 7 o'clock, P. M.

At 11.30 A. M. Article 3 was taken up.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several town officers.

The Town Clerk's, Selectmen's, Building Committee's, Road Commissioners', Treasurer's, Overseers' of the Poor, Trustees' of Public Library, and School Committees' reports were read by title, when the further reading was voted to be dispensed with, and voted to lay them on the table. The Forest Fire Wards', Tax Collector, Assessors, and Committee on Memorial Day were read by title, further reading voted to be dispensed with, and voted to accept as printed.

Article 4 was taken up, to see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes.

When support of school was called for, the School Committee's report was taken from the table. The question was discussed till 12 o'clock noon, when a recess of 30 minutes was taken for dinner, which was furnished by the W. C. T. U. in the lower hall. At 12.30 resumed business, and accepted the report and voted to raise for schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, and transportation of scholars, $3400, besides the surplus revenue and bank tax of $165; for highways, $1600; for support of the poor, $1400. Before passing the vote, the Overseers' report was taken from the table. Explanation was asked concerning certain items, which was answered and the report accepted. Town buildings, $500; miscellaneous items, $250; Printing, $125; interest on town debt, $200; town officers, $700; cemeteries, $50; Decoration day, $50; public library, $75; indigent soldiers' aid, $100; care of tramps, $75; and according to vote two years ago, $500 for new schoolhouse at South Bellingham. Total, $9890.

A committee consisting of James O. Richardson, Henry W. Pickering, Abiram W. Wales, and Henry A. Whitney were chosen to see the money raised for Decoration day expended.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money raised and appropriated shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

Voted all who pay a poll tax only shall pay the same on demand, and all others shall be payable Oct. 1, 1897. On all taxes not paid Nov. 1, 1897, one half of 1 per cent a month shall be added. All taxes must be paid Jan. 1, 1898.

Article 6. To seen if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that the Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Voted him the same power, and voted his salary to be 1 per cent of all taxes collected.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted him that authority, but not to exceed $2000 in amount.

Article 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Otto L. Bullard, Maurice J. Connolly, Elbridge A. Rhodes, and Henry W. Pickering requested their names stricken from the list. Their request was granted. The Selectmen added the name of Charles W. Paul to the list, and it was accepted as it then stood as follows:—

Horace E. Barbour,	Joel J. Clark,
Alonzo N. Whitney,	S. Fred Metcalf,
George E. Tingley,	Clarence A. Crooks,
William F. Wales,	Charles W. Paul,
Henry A. Whitney,	George D. Crooks,
Albert S. Pickering,	George R. Osborne,
Edward H. Thayer,	George E. Aldrich,

Erwin A. Bates.

Article 9. To see if the town will allow any bills that may be presented.

None presented, and voted to pass over.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to build a cow-shed at the town farm, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted: To build one, and appropriate $700 for that purpose, and the Overseers to be a committee to expend the money.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to selling the two unoccupied school buildings at the south part of the town, or act or do anything thereon.

Voted: to instruct the Selectmen to sell the two buildings.

The reports on the table, consisting of the Town Clerk's, Selectmen's, Building Committee's, Road Commissioners', Treasurer's, and Library Trustees', were taken from the table, and voted to accept the same.

Voted that the Moderator have $5 for his services.

The canvass being completed, the Clerk read the result, and the Moderator declared the persons elected. The check-list used and the ballots cast were sealed up and endorsed by the proper officers and delivered to the Clerk. It was then voted to dismiss the warrant.

The Vote.

Town Clerk: Henry A. Whitney,	159	
Blanks,	16	
		175
Treasurer: Ruel F. Thayer,	155	
Blanks,	20	
		175
Selectmen: Addison E. Bullard,	157	
Orville C. Rhodes,	153	
Ruel F. Thayer,	144	
Blanks,	71	
		525
Assessors: Seneca Burr,	143	
Judson E. Camp,	146	
Orville C. Rhodes,	148	
Warren E. Fairbanks,	1	

Blanks,	87	
		525
Overseer of Poor: Henry W. Pickering,	135	
Blanks,	40	
		175
Road Commissioner for 2 years: Charles W. Paul,	56	
Fred M. Rhodes,	92	
Blanks,	27	
		175
Road Commissioners: Judson E. Camp,	57	
Maurice J. Connolly,	65	
George E. Tingley,	42	
Blanks,	11	
		175
Auditor: Elijah B. Stowe,	142	
Blanks,	33	
		175
Collector of Taxes: Judson E. Camp,	132	
Otto L. Bullard,	2	
Blanks,	41	
		175
School Committee: David Bigwood,	73	
J. Horton Howard,	75	
Blanks,	27	
		175
Cemetery Committee: Otto L. Bullard,	133	
Blanks,	42	
		175
Library Trustees: Wesley E. Howes,	118	
Mary W. Metcalf,	122	
Grace Grant,	1	
Blanks,	109	
		350
Fence Viewers: Luman R. Camp,	133	
Elwin M. Taft,	129	
Henry A. Whitney,	134	
Lucian S. Holbrook,	1	
Blanks,	128	
		525
Constables: Luman R. Camp,	140	
George F. Nugent,	132	
Elwin M. Taft,	135	
Henry A. Whitney,	147	
Jonathan B. Maxcy,	1	
Blanks,	145	
		700

License: Yes, 41
No, 105
Blanks, 29
—— 175

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on the third day of April, A. D. 1897, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote passed at the annual meeting March 1, 1897, (Article 10 of the warrant) whereby they voted to build a cowshed at the town farm, and raised and appropriated $700 for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will choose a committee to report at a future meeting whether it would be advisable to sell the town farm and build a modern building for the town poor, and also the expense of building the same, or take any action relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this 24th day of March, A. D. 1897.

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

April 3, 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham as within directed by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the designated places in town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, APRIL 3, 1897.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters met in Town Hall and were called to order by the Clerk at 7.55 o'clock. Warrant read and Article 1 taken up.

Chose Warren E. Fairbanks moderator.

Article 2. After a discussion by several persons, it was moved to lay the article on the table, and the motion was carried.

Article 3. As the Moderator called the article, a motion was made to dismiss the warrant, which was carried.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT, NOV. 2, 1897.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bellingham,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on the second day of November, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their ballots to the Selectmen for Governor

of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney-General, Councillor for the second Councillor District, Senator for second Norfolk District, two Representatives in the General Court for the tenth Norfolk Representative District, one County Commissioner in and for the County of Norfolk, Register of Deeds for Norfolk County, Treasurer for the County of Norfolk; all to be brought in on one ballot. The polls to be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1897.

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Norfolk, ss.

November 2, 1897.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at time and place as within directed, by posting attested copies at each of the designated places in said town, seven days before said meeting.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

A true copy of warrant and officer's return.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 2, 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters met in Town Hall at the time specified, and the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, who read the warrant.

Ruel F. Thayer, the presiding election officer, opened the

package of ballots that was furnished by the state and delivered them to John J. Gerstle and James O. Richardson, who had been appointed ballot clerks, and they, and George H. Gerstle, who was appointed to mark the check list, and Charles E. Marble, who had been appointed to tend the ballot-box, had posted the cards of instruction and sample ballot according to law.

At 10.25 balloting commenced, with but few present. Not much interest in election this year, and there being a severe rain storm during the day but few were out. At the closing of the polls, which it was voted to do at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the box registered 77. The check list was audibly counted by George H. Gerstle, and 77 names found checked. The ballot clerk's check list tallied the same number. The unused ballots and check list were sealed and endorsed according to law. Ballots were counted from the box by the presiding officer, and 77 found therein. The canvass was immediately commenced by the officers appointed to assist in the election, and by 4.30 o'clock the vote was read by the Clerk, after which the returns were filled out and sealed up, ballots and check list properly cared for according to law, and town meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

THE VOTE.

Governor.

John Bascom of Williamstown,	3	
Thomas C. Brophy of Boston,	1	
Wm. Everett of Quincy,	2	
Geo. Fred Williams of Dedham,	9	
Roger Wolcott of Boston,	61	
Justin P. Fulton,	1	
	—	77

Lieutenant-Governor.

Edward A. Buckland of South Hadley,	1	
Christopher T. Callahan of Hyde Park,	7	
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park,	3	
W. Murray Crane of Dalton,	61	
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly,	3	
E. S. Wheeler,	1	
Blanks,	1	
	—	77

Secretary.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester,	1
Charles D. Nash of Whitman,	11
William M. Olin of Boston,	57

Edwin Sawtelle of Brockton,	4	
Bernard M. Wolf of Boston,	2	
Blanks,	2	
		— 77

Treasurer.

George A. Brown of Lynn,	1	
Robert C. Habberly of Hyde Park,	4	
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport,	60	
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham,	1	
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree,	8	
Blanks,	3	
		— 77

Auditor.

Joseph Ballam of Boston,	1	
Henry Douglas of Great Barrington,	1	
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg,	59	
Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill,	8	
Herbert M. Small of Templeton,	4	
Blanks,	4	
		— 77

Attorney-General.

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst,	4	
Wm. Harrison of Lawrence,	1	
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford,	59	
Wm. W. McClench of Chicopee,	1	
John A. O'Keefe of Lynn,	6	
E. S. Crocker,	1	
Blanks,	5	
		— 77

Councillor.

Dana Estes of Brookline,	2	
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth,	61	
George O. Wentworth of Stoughton,	10	
Blanks,	4	
		— 77

Senator.

Henry M. Francis of Stoughton,	9	
Fred Homer Williams of Brookline,	58	
George S. Winslow of Norwood,	4	
J. C. Gallison, Jr.	1	
Blanks,	5	
		— 77

Representatives.

Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham,	60	
Geo. Fenelon Willams of Foxboro,	59	
Blanks,	35	
	—	154

County Commissioners.

James Hewins of Medfield,	63	
Blanks,	14	
	—	77

Register of Deeds.

John H. Burdakin of Dedham,	66	
Blanks,	11	
	—	77

County Treasurer.

Charles H. Smith of Dedham,	63	
Blanks,	14	
	—	77

Attest: HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING, NOV. 12, 1897.

A true record of the doings of the Town Clerks of Wrentham, Franklin, Foxboro, Medway, Bellingham and Norfolk, constituting the Tenth Representative District in Norfolk County :—

On the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1897, the Town Clerks of the above-mentioned towns met in the Town Hall in Franklin, and examined and compared transcripts of the record of the vote cast on the second day of November for Representatives in the tenth district in said county, and ascertained that Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham and George Fenelon Williams of Foxboro were duly elected, and issued certificates of their election, one of which was transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston, one to the Constable at Wrentham, and one to the Constable at Foxboro, to be served by them on said Whitaker and Williams respectively.

THE VOTE.

Elbridge J. Whitaker of Wrentham,	1016
George Fenelon Williams of Foxboro,	991
Scattering,	17
Blanks,	859

Witness our hands at Franklin this twelfth day of November, A. D. 1897.

DAVID T. STONE, Town Clerk of Wrentham.
ORESTES T. DOE, Town Clerk of Franklin.
LOUIS W. HODGES, Town Clerk of Foxboro.
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk of Bellingham.
GEORGE E. POND, Town Clerk of Medway.
SILAS E. FALES, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

A true copy. Attest.

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

JURORS SERVING IN THE YEAR 1897.

Supreme judicial court, Almond W. Cook.
Grand juror, S. Fred Metcalf.
April criminal term, George E. Aldrich.
May civil term, Alonzo N. Whitney.
September criminal term, Edward H. Thayer.
October civil term, William F. Wales.
December criminal term, Horace E. Barbour.
January civil term, George R. Osborne.

A few more dogs were licensed this year than last; licensed 123; paid County Treasurer $240.

There has been quite a demand of this office the past year for genealogical records.

The railroads have reappointed their train officials railroad police officers, now consisting of 32, who have the authority as police on their road in this town.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1897.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Feb.	Chester R. Brown,	21	Medway,	Rev. L. Drury.
6,	Lizzie F. Armstrong,	21	Medway.	
Apr.	Fred A Chilson,	26	Hopedale,	Rev. L. Drury.
20,	Winnie L. Cook,	29	Bellingham.	
25,	Michael O'Neil,	41	S. Framingham,	Rev. D. J. Keleher
	Maggie Callihan,	40	Bellingham.	
Aug.	Melvin Boone,	29	Milford,	Rev. L. Drury.
5,	Hattie Cross,	31	Bellingham.	
Sept.	William M. Townsend,	29	Milford,	Rev. W. Woodbury
1,	Delia H. Matthews,	26	Bellingham.	
8,	Lovell Baker Stowe,	26	Burlington, Vt.,	Rev. W. Woodbury
	Amelia Durham,	27	Burlington, Vt.	
8,	Horace A. Brown,	29	Milford,	Rev. W. Woodbury
	Edith M. Stowe,	24	Bellingham.	
11,	David A. Green,	53	Fall River,	Rev. L. Drury.
	Abbie J. Pratt,	39	Middleborough.	
Oct.	John Paul,	21	Bellingham,	Rev. D. J. Keleher
4,	Annie Boucher,	18	Bellingham.	
17,	David F. Adams,	53	Bellingham,	Rev. G. W. Coon.
	Emma J. Taylor,	43	Bellingham.	
27,	John E. Fales,	28	Norfolk,	Rev. E. J. Morse.
	Alice M. Bullard,	21	Bellingham.	

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY.
Nov.	Harry Leslie Smith,	21	Norfolk,	Rev. J. M. Rockwood
10,	Annie A. Bennett,	19	Franklin.	
10,	Michael F. Kennelly,	29	Bellingham,	Rev. D. J. Keleher
	Maggie E. Hyland,	24	Bellingham.	
21,	Urgel H. Guilemeu,	23	Bellingham,	Rev. D. J. Keleher
	Mary Bruler,	22	Bellingham.	
25,	Frederick L. Schneider,	25	Bellingham,	Rev. A. H. Vinton
	Louisa C. Krumsick,	25	Shrewsbury.	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1897.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.		
1,	Herbert Russell Unwin,	George M. and Lizzie J. (Guthrey).
15,	Louis Dubee,	Alex and Mary (Lamoin).
Feb.		
9,	Bertha May Fitzpatrick,	Maurice Jr. and Esther (Shea).
April		
1,	George Staples,	George A. and Etta G. (Bethel).
1,	Ruth Alice Schneider,	William H. and Mary E. (Farrar).
19,	Frederick M. Henck,	Edward W. and Jessie (Dority).
23,	Willie Mark McMahan,	John and Ellen (Murphy).
26,	Gertrude Thayer,	L. Francis and Annie A. (Scott).
May		
3,	John Edward Desmond,	Robert and Etta (Carey).
23,	Francis Frazer, Fred Frazer,	Frank and Amida (Rattier).
June		
19,	Gertrude May Tupper,	Charles B. and Minnie A. (Blanchard).
27,	Julia Marion Riorden,	Eugene and Johannah (Ryan).
July		
6,	Chester Frank Barrows,	Frank E. and Ellen M. (Munger).
18,	Harland Everett Cook,	William L. and Grace P. (Whitney).
25,	Robert Bruce Melrose,	George and Helen (Wood).
26.	Blanche Eunice Brown,	Comfort T. and Mary A. (Wells).
Aug.		
19,	Myra Sibley,	Comfort G. and Florence E. (Pickering).
20,	Emily Florence Migneault,	Edward F. and Emma (Gaudette).
20,	John Raymond Paul,	Charles W. and Cora L. (Dodge).
Sept.		
23,	Joseph Edward Miner,	Noah and Matilda M. (Girard).
28,	Cathrine Bertha O'Rourke,	John E. and Mary T. (Heffernan).
28,	Earl C. Rhodes,	Fred M. and Lottie F. (Clark).
28,	Lucy Arnold Kenyon,	William C. and Eva G. (Wilson).
Oct.		
12,	Daniel Leo Dee,	Daniel and Maggie (Denihan).
12,	Elmer Stephen Trask,	Alba H. and Susan M. (Whipple).
14,	Wilfred Desmarais,	Huldiric and Mary (Ober).
19,	John B. Lagacy,	Goodyear and Alice (Bodier).
Dec.		
16,	Margaret Byron,	James and Bridget (Delany).
19,	Emile Brown,	Joseph and Mary (Lizotpe).

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1897.

		YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan.					
12,	Edias Desmarais,	7	6	0	Meningitis
19,	John Fitzgerald,	41	0	0	Pneumonia.
April.					
2,	Julia E. Cook,	46	0	7	Peritonitis.
5,	William J. Sproule,	1	3	21	Broncho-pneumonia.
8,	Ezekiel H. Davis,	77	0	14	Heart disease.
26,	Gertrude Thayer,			10 hours.	
May.					
3,	Elthina Colby,	33	2	10	Consumption.
10,	Johanna Sullivan,	62	0	0	
June.					
6,	Willard I. Fisk,	72	10	23	Disease of the liver.
9,	Magnus Rattie,	24	10	2	Gunshot wound.
20,	Georgiana Desmarais,	4	5	0	Diphtheria.
27,	Phebe R. Gerrish,	48	0	0	Cancer of the stomach.
July.					
5,	William F. Willie,	43	0	0	Consumption.
15,	Elmina P. Holbrook,	82	2	23	Heart disease.
21,	George Staples,	0	3	21	Dysentery.
Aug.					
29,	Francis Frazer,	0	3	6	Dysentery.
Sep.					
10,	Alice Cecilia Deely,	0	11	0	
20,	John R. Woodbury,	77	1	23	Exhaustion.
Oct.					
1,	Charlotte M. Thayer,	74	9	1	General decline.
7,	Lucy Arnold Kenyon,	0	0	10	Trismus nematorism.
11,	Georgiana Bazinet,	25	5	0	Phthisic.
16,	Seneca Burr,	67	11	30	Cystitis.
16,	Fred Frazer,	0	4	23	Dysentery.
29,	Abiram W. Wales,	61	11	19	Strangulated femoral hernia.
30,	John Buckley,	55	0	0	Chronic gastritis.
Nov.					
11,	Levina T. Taft,	86	9	18	Old age.
15,	Melina Dupris,	40	0	0	Valvular disease of heart.
27,	George Bennett,	45	0	0	General paralysis septicæmia.
Dec.					
3,	Patrick Canavan,	39	0	0	Heart disease.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial exercises were held this year at the North Bellingham cemetery as usual, the Medway post attending. The following program was given:—

Recitation,	Eugene Connolly
Address,	Rev. D. T. Magill of Milford
Recitation,	Hattie Hawes
Recitation,	Edith Maxcy
Song,	Emma Albee
Recitation,	Ethel Maxcy
Recitation,	Ida Metcalf
Decoration of graves,	West Medway Post

The committee extend their thanks to Mrs. George Hawes and the Misses Grant for their efforts in arranging the interesting program and having it carried out so successfully.

Services at the Rakeville cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering. Appropriate exercises were rendered by comrades of the Woonsocket Post.

The Franklin Post came to the Centre at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans, and the Woman's Relief Corps. As they came directly from church here, without stopping for dinner, a lunch was furnished on their arrival, and with these and comrades of other Posts there were more than one hundred who were served with refreshments, after which a line was formed, and they marched to the monument, which was saluted and decorated. They then proceeded to the cemetery, where the following exercises were held:—

Singing by the choir, prayer by the Post chaplain, address by Rev. Lucian Drury, and a reading by Miss Helen Thompson, after which the graves were decorated.

SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Exercises were held on Friday as suggested last year. Memorial exercises in which all the schools take part seem to be enjoyed by every one. They are held in Town Hall, and all expenses of transportation are paid by the town. Last year we thought a large number were present, but this year some thirty more were there. The program was left entirely with

Supt. Sherman, and the committee take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts to make everything successful, in which he certainly succeeded.

PROGRAMME.

Prayer,	Rev. Lucian Drury
CARYVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
"Wreaths and Flowers,"	Lizzie Bigwood
"Memorial Flowers,"	Three Little Girls
NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
"The Roll Call,"	Eugene Connolly
"In One Grave,"	Edward O'Rouke
NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
"We Deck Alike Their Graves Today,"	Selina Burns
"Our Fallen Heroes,"	Four Children
MASSEY SCHOOL.	
"Corporal Joe,"	Lester Osborne
"The Pride of Battery B,"	Mary Agnes Sears
"Battle Hymn of the Republic,"	Audience
Address,	J. Horton Howard, Esq.
HIGH SCHOOL.	
"Garfield's Ride,"	Frank L. Sullivan
"An Incident,"	Leola E. Smith
Song,	Eight Young Ladies
CHILSON SCHOOL.	
"Memories of the War,"	Concert Recitation
"Thomas at Chickamauga,"	Helen L. Thompson
CITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
"One Country and One Flag,"	Esther D. Staples
"Our Soldiers,"	Bertha M. Whipple
CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL.	
"Heroes All,"	Vestella Mae Burr
"Our Flag,"	Primary and Grammar
America,	Audience

The committee think it appropriate at this point to mention the death of one of their number, and a member of Medway Post. Abiram W. Wales has served as one of the committee for expending the funds for Decoration Day ever since the town granted any for that purpose. He was very active in his own part of the town, and took great interest in the school exercises, assisting in every way he could. He will be greatly missed, and we hope the town will find some one who will be as interested as he was in the work to fill his place.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the town,	$50 00
Donated,	1 45
	$51 45

EXPENSES.

Programs,	$3	50
Railroad fares,	10	25
Transportation by L. F. Thayer,	7	00
A. W. Wales for Medway Post,	10	00
J. O. Richardson, Franklin Post,	10	00
H. W. Pickering, Woonsocket Post,	5	00
Incidentals,	5	70
	$51	45

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,
For the Committee.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

During the last year we have granted a franchise to the Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railway Co. The road has been built and is in operation. This connects the north end of the town with Medway, also with Milford and various other towns and cities.

We were instructed to sell the two vacant school buildings at the south end. The Wilcox building has been sold. The city building has not been disposed of as yet, but we have succeeded in getting a deed of the land and can now give a clear title at any time.

The school board have made new arrangements for the last year by drawing their orders direct on the Treasurer, so that the bills in their department have not passed through our hands as usual.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES.

Teachers and care of schoolhouses,	$2,849 95	
Books, supplies and incidentals,	335 73	
Fuel,	261 62	
Tuition,	194 25	
Transportation,	517 00	
		$4158 55

REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

H. J. Dearing, chimney and burners (old bill),	$ 3 12
Otis Whitney & Son, contract at almshouse,	210 00
Frank Barrows, painting, etc., at almshouse,	15 80
George L. Gerrish, labor on shed,	3 00
Augustus Henck, whitewashing, etc., almshouse,	13 90
James Munro, labor at almshouse,	7 00
S. A. Simpson, paid for papering, etc.,	4 19
J. H. Howard, labor and sundries,	2 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, labor, etc.,	1 83
Z. C. Field, shingles for hearse house,	18 88

H. E. Barbour, labor on schoolhouse,	$10 83	
George L. Gerrish, " "	6 00	
George W. Cook, labor, etc., on schoolhouse,	3 50	
George L. Gerrish, labor on hearse house,	6 00	
Z. C. Field, lumber,	6 30	
S. H. Williams, painting, etc.,	5 70	
Z. C. Field, shingles for schoolhouse,	49 64	
E. C. Claflin, old bill,	7 35	
A. W. Cook, painting, etc., old bill,	15 48	
J. H. Howard, 1 day's labor,	2 00	
J. H. Howard, paid carpenter work,	25	
Wm. P. Greenwood, labor,etc.,schoolhouses,	11 32	
T. E. Morse, paint, etc., schoolhouses,	15 78	
Wm. P.Greenwood, labor,etc., schoolhouses,	4 58	
H. A. Barney, cement,	4 70	
Ruel A. Rockwood,labor,etc.,schoolhouse,	1 20	
Ruel A. Rockwood, 5 days painting schoolhouse,	10 00	
J. H. Howard, labor, etc.,	2 25	
Wm. P. Greenwood, glass and setting, schoolhouse,	2 45	
H. W. Pickering, labor on schoolhouses,	7 00	
J. P. Cushman, setting glass, Town Hall,	6 66	
L. F. Thayer, bill of nails,	4 48	
C. E. White, (cow barn) lead and oil,	6 15	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., roofing,	7 50	
Otis Whitney & Son, building fence, almshouse	10 00	
G. W. Cook, labor, etc., school building,	4 60	
		$491 44

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

S. E. Scott, snow bill (1897),	$97 20	
J. E. Camp, snow bill (1897),	18 70	
Fred M. Rhodes,	492 84	
M. J. Connolly,	480 19	
L. F. Thayer,	501 68	
		$1,590 61

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

M. J. Connolly,	$83 21	
Fred M. Rhodes,	32 63	
L. F. Thayer, 1896 bill,	20 07	
L. F. Thayer,	48 92	
		$184 83

PRINTING.

G. M. Billings, copies check list,	$ 7 00	
" " ballots,	9 00	
" " 300 annual reports, 100 school reports,	98 75	
G. M. Billings, advertising, etc.,	5 75	
" " district reports, etc.,	1 58	
" " bill heads,	3 00	
" " caucus sheets,	1 25	
		$126 33

CEMETERIES.

Orrin Chilson, South cemetery,	$15 00	
Varnum B. Rockwood, South Milford,	3 60	
" " Centre cemetery,	6 30	
" " North cemetery,	6 90	
		$31 80

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers' orders,	$4,858 89	
Received from Town Farm,	3,011 50	
		$1,847 39
Appropriation,		1,400 00
Exceeded appropriation,		$447 39

SOLDIERS' AID.

Martin V. Tingley, rent, W. A. Burr,	$10 00	
" " clothing, Alice A. Burr,	7 50	
" " rent, W. A. Burr,	10 00	
" " Town of Milford, old bill,	1 35	
" " " "	5 00	
		$33 85

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Sara T. Rockwood,	$75 00

DECORATION.

James O. Richardson and others,	$50 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. E. Sherman, Superintendent of Schools,	$500 00	
E. B. Stowe, Auditor for 2 years ending March 14, 1897,	20 00	

W. E. Fairbanks, Moderator, March 1, 1897,	$ 5 00	
John J. Gerstle, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00	
James O. Richardson, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00	
Charles E. Marble, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00	
George R. Osborne, Ballot Clerk, etc.,	3 00	
Henry W. Pickering, Overseer of Poor, 11 months,	13 75	
C. E. White, Overseer of Poor,	50 00	
C. E. White, School Committee to Feb. 1, 1897,	5 00	
O. L. Bullard, Overseer of Poor to March 1, 1897,	15 00	
Elwin M. Taft, Constable,	5 00	
O. C. Rhodes, Selectman and Registrar, 1896,	25 00	
Addison E. Bullard, Selectman and Registrar, 1896,	27 00	
L. R. Camp, Constable for 1896,	5 00	
O. C. Rhodes, services as Assessor, 14 days,	35 00	
James O. Richardson, Ballot Clerk,	2 50	
J. J. Gerstle, Ballot Clerk,	2 50	
C. E. Marble, Ballot Clerk,	2 50	
G. A. Gerstle, Ballot Clerk,	2 50	
J. H. Howard, School Committee from April 1 to Sept. 1, 1897,	7 50	
R. F. Thayer, Treasurer,	50 00	
" " Selectman,	25 00	
" " superintending building new schoolhouse,	25 00	
R. F. Thayer, perambulating town lines,	6 00	
H. A. Whitney, Town Clerk to Mar. 1, 1897,	25 00	
" " Registrar,	10 00	
" " recording births, deaths, etc.,	30 30	
J. H. Howard, time as School Committee,	2 50	
H. W. Pickering, School Committee, 1897,	5 00	
Seneca Burr, Assessor, 1897,	44 25	
H. A. Whitney, Constable to March 1, 1897,	5 00	
" " " in liquor cases,	11 75	
" " " truants, etc.,	3 75	
C. E. White, School Committee to Jan. 31, 1898,	5 00	
H. W. Pickering, Overseer of Poor for 1897,	15 00	
		$998 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. T. Rockwood, luncheon at night, March 1, 1897,	$ 1 80	
Avery & Woodbury, use of chairs,	2 08	
E. D. Wilcox, watering tub,	5 00	
C. E. White, services as Cattle Inspector,	40 00	
N. P. Quint, disinfecting at J. Kiernan's,	2 00	
N. P. Quint, " " J. Smith's,	2 00	
Charles Laferrie, disinfecting,	3 40	
H. W. Pickering, labor, seed and fertilizer,	7 73	
Willard Kent, specifications for grading, etc., school building lot,	30 00	
E. L. Burdakin, making list of deeds,	10 00	
Pratt Bros., tax book, etc.,	3 50	
Clark Ellis & Sons, two padlocks,	50	
C. E. A. Laferriere, fumigating, etc., Mr. Bishop's,	5 00	
P. P. Cook, watering trough, 3 years,	15 00	
A. W. Cook, services as School Committee, Hopedale,	1 25	
S. Hobbs & Co., pauper register,	7 00	
J. H. Howard, 2½ days' labor, various jobs,	5 00	
Fred M. Rhodes, labor, etc.,	3 30	
R. F. Thayer, labor, etc., on old schoolhouse,	4 03	
Seneca Burr, paper and ink,	15	
C. E. White, services as Cattle Inspector,	28 50	
H. A. Whitney, Fire Warden,	2 75	
H. A. Whitney and others, fighting fires,	28 80	
John P. Thayer, care of Town Hall,	5 00	
John P. Thayer, use of pump,	5 00	
L. F. Thayer, wood for Town House,	11 51	
L. F. Thayer, paid for repairs on scraper,	14 20	
O. C. Rhodes, Fire Warden,	2 00	
		$246 50

TRAMPS.

John P. Thayer, care 881 tramps at 16⅔c, $146 83

NEW COW BARN.

Paid bills as per Building Committee's report, $803 54

TOTALS.

Support of poor,	$4,858 89
Repairing town buildings,	491 44
Repair of highways (and snow),	1,590 61

Bridges and railings,	$184 83	
Soldiers' aid,	33 85	
Public library,	75 00	
Decoration,	50 00	
Printing,	126 33	
Cemeteries,	31 80	
Town officers,	998 80	
Miscellaneous,	246 50	
Tramps,	146 83	
New cow barn,	803 54	
		$9,638 42

ESTIMATES FOR 1898.

Schools,	$3,400 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Bridges and railings,	200 00
Snow bills,	500 00
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Repair of town buildings,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	200 00
Printing,	150 00
Interest,	200 00
Town officers,	700 00
Cemeteries,	50 00
Decoration,	50 00
Soldiers' aid,	100 00
Public library,	75 00
Care of tramps,	50 00
New school building,	500 00

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

I have examined the Selectmen's report, also the original vouchers, and find them correct.

E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 7, 1898.

J. Horton Howard, farmer,
Erwin A. Bates, farmer,
Joel J. Clark, weaver,
Geo. E. Tingley, lumber dealer,
Charles W. Paul, farmer,
Henry A. Whitney, hatter,
Geo. D. Crooks, lumber dealer,
Albert S. Pickering, fuller,
John J. Gerstle, laborer,
Ruel A. Rockwood, farmer,
Geo. F. Nugent, box maker,
Foster S. Palmer, farmer,
Silas H. Williams, hatter,
Charles F. Crooks, sawyer,
J. Sanford Thompson, wh'lwr't,
Carroll E. White, farmer.

R. F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Voted March 7, 1897, $1600 to repair highways and bridges; expended $1474.71 for highways, and $184.03 for bridges and railings. The selectmen's report will show how the same was expended.

The bridge on Hartford avenue brought some extra expense this year. The new electric road passes over this bridge, and we thought it advisable to build a new strong fence, as the old one was in a bad condition. The bridge on Milford street also needs new railings. We wish to call the attention of the voters to the condition of the bridge at North Bellingham on Maple street. Three of the railings are liable to fall. It also needs stringers and is in a dilapidated condition throughout. As there is a great deal of travel over this bridge, particularly heavy teaming, and only space enough for one team to pass at a time, we would suggest that a new strong bridge be built, which would be of more practical benefit to the town in the end than to repair the old one. The bridge on the Hoey road, so called, needs repairing.

The Chestnut street road is in bad condition. Blackstone having repaired their road makes the Bellingham part worse than before, and it should be taken care of to save expense to the town. We can say the roads at the center and North Bellingham have greatly improved within the last ten years. To you voters, bear this fact in mind, that good roads are a benefit to all, both old and young.

Guide-boards are in good condition, and will need but a small amount of repairs.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid L. F. Thayer, Road Commissioner:—

L. F. Thayer,	284 hours,	$49 70
Alonzo N. Whitney,	203½ "	30 53
Hiram A. Cook,	402½ "	60 38
John Gerstle,	403½ "	60 53
C. O'Hara,	104 "	15 60
E. F. Gay,	246½ "	36 98
Lloyd Thayer,	9 "	1 35

Allie Pickering,	30 hours,	$ 4 50	
Samuel Snodgrass,	9 "	1 35	
Charles Marble,	200½ "	30 08	
John Brown,	119 "	17 85	
Albert Hancock,	111½ "	16 73	
Mr. Munroe,	34 "	5 10	
			$330 68
2 horses, 299½ hours,		$74 88	
4 " 134 "		67 00	
			141 88
Albert Aldrich,	33 loads gravel,	$1 32	
James Munroe,	138 "	5 52	
M. A. Belcher,	112 "	4 48	
Mahlon Apgar,	217 "	8 08	
L. F. Thayer,	73 "	2 92	
A. Burr,	22 "	88	
George Jennison,	28 "	1 12	
			24 92
1 pick,		70	
2 shovels,		1 70	
Sharpening picks and bars,		1 80	
			4 20
Total,			$501 68

Paid Fred M. Rhodes, Road Commissioner:—

Fred M. Rhodes,	667½ hours,	$116 81	
George D. Crooks,	585 "	87 75	
Charles Philips,	282½ "	42 38	
Jerry Bassett,	217½ "	32 63	
Clifton Trask,	272 "	40 80	
Hiram Crooks,	50 "	7 50	
Martin Tingley,	88 "	13 20	
Olney Cook,	50 "	7 50	
William A. Burr,	10 "	1 50	
William Cook,	20 "	3 00	
Win Scott,	10 "	1 50	
George M. Unwin	7 "	1 05	
			$355 62
4 horses, 50 hours,		$25 00	
2 horses, 334 hours,		81 00	
1 horse, 111 hours,		13 88	
			119 88
William A. Burr,	15 loads gravel,	$ 60	
Alba H. Trask,	42 "	1 68	

George D. Crooks,	24 loads gravel,	$ 96	
O. A. Cook,	50 "	2 00	
Stephen Brothers,	45 "	1 80	
			$7 04
6 shovels,		$4 50	
6 iron rakes,		3 60	
2 hoes,		85	
Repairing tools,		1 35	
			10 30
Total,			$492 84

Paid M. J. Connolly, Road Commissioner:—

M. J. Connolly,	455 hours,	$79 62	
John O'Rourke,	325 "	48 75	
John Snodgrass,	244 "	36 60	
Robert McGuire,	211 "	31 65	
Charles Harris,	177 "	26 55	
John McGill,	133 "	19 95	
Timothy Foley,	50 "	7 50	
Paul Hopkins,	40 "	6 00	
Eugene Hamlin,	40 "	6 00	
Con Cahill,	32 "	4 80	
Peter Macy,	20 "	3 00	
Dennis O'Rourke,	10 "	1 50	
Fred Pressio,	10 "	1 50	
			$273 42
4 horses, 315 hours,		$157 50	
2 horses, 129 hours,		32 25	
			189 75
Francis Metcalf,	463 loads gravel,	$13 89	
George Jennison,	61 "	2 44	
George Melrose,	23 "	69	
			17 02
Total,			$480 19

Appropriation for roads and bridges,	$1,600 00	
Expended on highways,	1,474 71	
		$125 29
Snow bills:—		
Paid Stephen E. Scott,	$97 20	
J. E. Camp,	18 70	
		115 90
		$9 39

Expended on bridges and railings, $184 83

L. F. THAYER,
M. J. CONNOLLY,
FRED M. RHODES,
Road Commissioners.

I find the Road Commissioners' report correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ASSESSMENTS.

School appropriation,	$3,400 00	
Support of poor,	1,400 00	
Roads and bridges,	1,600 00	
Town officers,	700 00	
Repair of town buildings,	500 00	
Cow stable,	700 00	
New schoolhouse,	500 00	
State tax,	490 00	
County tax,	686 81	
Miscellaneous,	250 00	
Soldiers' aid,	100 00	
Care of tramps,	75 00	
Printing,	125 00	
Decoration day,	50 00	
Library,	75 00	
Cemeteries,	50 00	
School fund,	165 00	
Interest on town debt,	200 00	
Overlayings,	483 04	
		$11,549 85

RECEIPTS.

Massachusetts school fund,	$ 441 70
National bank tax,	70 47
Corporation tax,	1 26
Military aid,	30 00
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	659 00
Dog tax,	213 34
Calvin Fairbanks, Collector, 1896 tax,	1,655 20
J. E. Camp, Collector, 1897 tax,	7,310 44
John Thayer, receipts from town house,	53 25
John Webber, license to slaughter,	1 00
M. & F. Rhodes, license to slaughter,	1 00
M. B. Taylor, license to slaughter,	1 00
Gustavus Forbes, license to peddle,	6 00
Overseers of Poor, receipts from farm,	3,011 50

School fund, account of district,	$ 416 67	
May 19, borrowed of L. F. Thayer,	1,000 00	
Borrowed of L. F. Thayer,	1,000 00	
Sale of Wilcox schoolhouse,	50 00	
Amount to be applied to new schoolhouse,	500 00	
		$16,421 83
Sale of clapboads and oil (cow barn)		11 87
		$16,433 70
Due Treasurer,		3,348 23
		$19,781 93

EXPENDITURES.

1898.

Balance from last year,	$1,429 99	
Paid state tax,	490 00	
County tax,	686 81	
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1894,	554 00	
Interest in anticipation of taxes,	116 49	
Baptist society, interest,	37 92	
Milford savings bank,	500 00	
Milford savings bank, interest,	80 00	
Stamps, envelopes and paper,	4 00	
L. F. Thayer, note,	1,000 00	
L. F. Thayer, note,	1,000 00	
H. A. Whitney, writing deed,	50	
Insurance on town buildings,	135 25	
311 Selectmen's orders,	9,638 42	
School Committees' orders,	4,158 55	
		$19,781 93

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

1898.

Feb.,	Zebina Bullard fund,	$102 00		
	Interest,	4 08		
				$106 08
	B. Benedict fund,	$47 77		
	Interest,	1 91		
			$49 68	
	Expended,		6 30	
				43 38
	A. P. Eaton fund,	$56 12		
	Interest,	2 24		
			$58 36	
	Expended,		1 00	
				57 36

Sarah Holbrook fund,	$119 51		
Interest,	4 76		
		$124 27	
Expended,		2 00	
			$122 27
E. Barber fund,	$34 60		
Interest,	1 36		
		$35 96	
Expended,		1 67	
			34 29
Jervis Cook fund,	$53 40		
Interest,	2 12		
		$55 52	
Expended,		1 00	
			54 52
Lavina Taft fund,	$31 82		
Received cash,	20 00		
Interest,	1 24		
			53 06
P. Bryant fund,	$105 00		
Interest,	4 00		
		$109 00	
Expended $3.38, taxes $.50,		3 88	
			105 12
Total on hand,			$576 08

CRIMINAL CASES.

Receipts.

Balance on hand,			$143 31
Received from complaint No.	1008,	$ 5 00	
" "	1083,	5 00	
" "	1122,	5 00	
" "	1123,	5 00	
" "	1126,	5 00	
" "	1163,	6 54	
" "	1169,	5 00	
" "	1187,	10 00	
			46 54
			$189 85

EXPENSES.

Paid Justice R. G. Fairbanks, No.	1005- 8,	$ 9 76		
" " "	1006- 9,	10 64		
" " "	1008-17,	2 64		
" " "	1083-17,	3 15		
" " "	1094-25,	3 81		
" " "	1095-25,	4 29		
" " "	1043- 3,	3 46		
" " "	1045- 4,	10 65		
" " "	1046- 4,	7 06		
" " "	1115- 6,	3 26		
" " "	1122-22,	2 46		
" " "	1123-22,	1 86		
" " "	1126-22,	3 41		
" " "	1163-15,	6 54		
" " "	1169-27,	5 00		
" " "	1090-14,	8 45		
" " "	1187-24,	3 89		
" " "	1116- 6,	1 58		
			$91	91
Balance on hand,			$97	94

LIABILITIES.

Baptist society note,	$ 632	00	
Milford savings bank,	1,500	00	
Heirs of Luther Thayer,	1,000	00	
		$3,132	00
Due Treasurer,		3,348	23
Due town officers,		500	00
		$6,996	08

ASSETS.

Due from Calvin Fairbanks, 1896 tax,	$ 778	12	
" J. E. Camp, 1897 tax,	4,239	41	
Net town debt,	1,978	55	
		$6,996	08

R. F. THAYER,
Treasurer.

I have examined the Tresurer's report and find it correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present to the voters of Bellingham the report of their doings for the past year.

There are at present eight inmates at the almshouse; three men and five women. They are kindly cared for, and their health is as good at present as could be expected, their age and infirmities considered.

We have taken out the large chimney on the north side, and now have five rooms upstairs opening off the hall, and have made one bedroom down stairs which can be used when any of the inmates are sick, which supplies a long needed want. The stairs have been made easier for use; the hall runs through the house, and both stairs are more accessible in case of fire. This has been done at an expense of $225.80. All of these alterations are approved of by the Inspector of Public Institutions.

We think with these rooms the almshouse will answer with the present number of inmates for some time to come, and it will not be necessary to alter the south side for the present.

We recommend for repair of town buildings $100, and for support of the poor the sum of $1200.

We have actually expended beyond our resources $124.14, but we have expended $124.73 more than last year in outside aid, a matter entirely beyond our control.

EXPENSES AT THE TOWN FARM.

Stock,	$880	24	Blacksmithing,	$66	77
Labor,	345	25	Harness, repairs and blankets,	64	00
Barge and repairs,	158	00	Skim-milk,	43	60
Hardware, tools, seeds, etc.,	114	25	Cutting ensilage and drawing logs,	23	50
Horse,	110	00			
Chopping,	94	30			
Fertilizer,	75	60			

Milk cooler,	$11	00		Small groceries,	$19	87	
Pigs,	7	00		Potatoes,	14	93	
Geese,	3	00		Crackers,	14	50	
Cement,	2	40		Oil,	8	35	
Bull service,	2	00		Soap, etc.,	6	62	
Paint and freight on same,	1	95		Lard,	5	83	
Cabbage plants,	1	80		Cheese,	5	32	
			$2,004 66	Salt,	3	23	
Cows' grain:—				Apples,	3	00	
Meal,	$175	88		Raisins,	2	82	
Gluten,	175	18		Berries,	2	50	
Shorts and feed,	132	27		Molasses,	2	00	
Cotton seed,	16	35					$479 68
			499 68	Dry goods,	$80	53	
Horses', hens', and hogs' grain:—				Dishes, knives and forks,	16	25	
Oats,	$123	62		Shoes,	15	90	
Corn,	51	97		Refrigerator,	15	00	
Meal,	49	34		Tobacco,	14	72	
Shorts and feed,	31	80		Traveling expenses, affidavits, etc.,	13	81	
Cracked corn,	22	34		Newspapers,	5	75	
Wheat,	16	35		Brooms, brushes, etc.,	3	80	
Provender,	8	50		Medical aid and medicine,	2	20	
Scraps and oyster shells,	3	15		Dog tax,	2	00	
			307 07	Clock,	2	00	
Salary,			500 00	Hogshead, tub, pork bbl., etc.,	1	60	
Meat,	$139	59		Ice,	1	12	
Flour,	89	50					174 68
Butter,	77	56		Total footings,			$3,965 77
Sugar,	35	31					
Tea,	27	11					
Fish, etc.,	21	64					

INCIDENTALS.

Traveling expenses, stationery, etc.,	$9 11

OUTSIDE AID.

Settlement in Bellingham:—		
Mrs. Ellen Murphy and six children,	$200	32

Joseph Gerstle, (reimbursed by John Gerstle, guardian,)	$169 46	
Etta Bates,	81 24	
F. S. Wight,	47 82	
Ira Fisk,	21 00	
		$519 84
No settlement in Bellingham:—		
Mrs. Charles Pond,	$132 00	
John R. Woodbury,	101 00	
Mrs. John R. Woodbury,	23 00	
Mrs. Amanda Frazier,	98 00	
Sanford Joslin,	10 17	
		$364 17

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at the farm,	$3,965 77	
Incidentals,	9 11	
Outside,	519 84	
Outside,	364 17	
		$4,858 89

RECEIPTS AT THE TOWN FARM.

Milk,	$1,385 94	Hides,	$6 27
Transporting scholars,	310 00	Calves,	5 12
Stock,	284 50	Bull service,	5 00
Wood,	165 35	Boar service,	2 00
Hay,	123 19	Butter,	4 15
Boarders,	116 12	Posts,	4 20
Pigs,	110 00	Cabbage,	3 00
Beef,	38 54	Potatoes,	2 00
Pork,	33 22	Butchering,	1 50
Eggs,	27 85	Use of horse,	1 00
Horse,	10 00	Glass in barge,	60
Corn,	7 55	Overalls,	50
Premiums at the fair,	7 85		$2,662 05
Beets and carrots,	6 60		

AMOUNT DUE TOWN FARM.

On last year's account,	$115 75
From cattle commissioners,	10 00

AMOUNT DUE FROM OTHER CITIES OR TOWNS.

From Town of Charlton:—		
Aid to John R. Woodbury,	$101 00	
Aid to Mrs. John R. Woodbury,	23 00	
		$124 00
City of Fall River:—		
Aid to Mrs. Amanda Frazier,		42 00
Town of Foxboro:—		
Aid to Mrs. Charles Pond,		31 50
		$197 50

PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM APPRAISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEBRUARY 5, 1898.

Land and buildings,	$4,000 00

Personal Property.

18 cows,		$930 00	Whiffletrees and eveners,	$8 00	
Barge,	$150 00		Plows,	4 00	
1 ex. wagon, top and pole,	85 00		Horse hoe,	4 00	
2-horse wagon,	85 00		2-horse scraper,	3 00	
2-horse sled,	50 00		Stone drag,	1 00	
Farm wagon,	40 00		Harrow,	1 00	
Tip cart,	40 00		Cultivator,	50	
Democrat wagon,	25 00				$126 50
Bob runner pung,	18 00		Milk cooler,	$11 00	
Sled,	10 00		Ladders,	10 00	
		503 00	Chains,	10 00	
Household goods,		300 00	Carpenter tools,	5 00	
1 pair horses,	$150 00		Tackle and blocks,	5 00	
1 horse,	110 00		Hay cutter,	5 00	
		260 00	Ice saw,	4 00	
17 tons Eng. hay,		255 00	Grindstone,	3 00	
Mowing machine,	$25 00		5 stone hammers,	3 00	
Roller,	25 00		5 axes,	3 00	
Tedder,	20 00		Scythes and sticks,	3 00	
Horse rake,	15 00		Vise,	3 00	
Spading harrow,	12 00		3 pairs ice tongs,	3 00	
Seed sower,	8 00		7 manure forks,	3 00	

Wood saw and horse,	$3 00	
Hay forks,	2 50	
6 shovels,	2 00	
Grain cradle,	2 00	
Cross-cut saw,	2 00	
Horse clippers,	2 00	
Branding iron,	2 00	
Jockey stick,	2 00	
Hewing axe,	2 00	
Iron bars,	2 00	
Wheelbarrow,	2 00	
2 cranberry rakes,	1 75	
6 hoes,	1 50	
Hay knife,	1 50	
Post-hole digger,	1 50	
6 hand drills,	1 50	
4 jumper drills,	1 00	
Wagon jack,	1 00	
Potato digger,	1 00	
Mattock,	1 00	
Trowels, etc.,	1 00	
Harness punches,	50	
Hog hook,	50	
Cant hook,	50	
Sheep shears,	50	
Brooms,	50	
Iron rakes,	50	
Wooden rakes,	50	
Putty knife,	25	
Muck hook,	25	
		$111 25
Vinegar bbls.,	$20 00	
Blankets,	10 00	
Hen coops,	7 50	
Creamer,	7 00	
Door frames,	5 00	
Hand grenades,	5 00	
Churns,	5 00	
Handcuffs,	4 00	
Street lamp,	4 00	
Rubber hose,	4 00	
Oil,	3 00	
Toilet clippers,	2 50	
Baskets,	2 50	
Ice cream freezer,	$2 00	
Pig boxes,	2 00	
Pails,	2 00	
Steelyards,	2 00	
5 gal. keg and tubing,	1 50	
Wire and stretcher,	1 50	
Grass seed,	1 00	
Wheels and axles,	1 00	
Feed box,	1 00	
Paints,	1 00	
Measures,	1 00	
Water pots,	1 00	
Halters,	1 00	
Pulley and rope,	75	
Meat bench,	50	
Surcingle,	50	
Steel traps,	50	
		$99 75
Light harness,	$15 00	
2 set double harness,	55 00	
Express harness,	10 00	
Tip cart harness,	10 00	
Express harness,	5 00	
Parts of harness,	3 00	
		98 00
Cord wood,	$22 50	
Wood sawed and split,	40 00	
Lumber, etc.,	25 00	
30 logs,	10 00	
		97 50
6 shoats,	$30 00	
2 breeding sows,	20 00	
1 boar,	10 00	
		60 00
20 bu. potatoes,	$17 00	
30 bu. mangels,	10 00	

Pork,	$6 00		80 fowls,	$40 00	
Flour,	6 00		Pair geese,	3 00	
3 bu. carrots and turnips,	3 00		5 ducks,	2 50	
					$45 50
Small groceries,	3 00		Grain,		2 50
Beans,	1 00				
		$46 00	Total footings,		$2,935 00

TRAMPS FROM FEB. 1, 1897, TO FEB. 1, 1898.

February,	125	August,	8
March,	204	September,	18
April,	44	October,	53
May,	14	November,	101
June,	16	December,	145
July,	4	January,	149

Total number 881, at 16⅔ cents, $146 74

INMATES AT THE TOWN FARM.

NAME.	AGE.	WEEKS.	DAYS.
James M. Bates,	89	52	
John Phillips,	85	52	
Abigal Heyford,	77	7	2
Oliver Gardner,	74	52	
Bridget Burke,	53	52	
Mary Watt,	50	52	
Clarissa Adams,	46	52	
Sarah Cross,	39	52	
Charles A. Fuller,	34	10	
		381⅐	

Cost of keeping inmates at Town Farm, excluding repairs and interest:—		
Appraisal personal property Feb. 1, 1898,		$2,935 00
" " " Feb. 1, 1897,		2,639 42
Gain,		$295 58
Net expense at Town Farm,	$1,303 72	
Amount due E. K. Ray on cows,	217 26	
		$1,520 98
Less gain on appraisal,	$295 58	
Less amount due from cattle commissioner,	10 00	
		305 58
Net cost,		$1,215 40

381 weeks board at $3.19 per wee

RECEIPTS.

Full amount of orders drawn on R. F. Thayer, Town Treasurer,		$4,858 89
Money received from the following sources and turned over to Town Treasurer:—		
Income at Town Farm,	$2,662 05	
On last year's account,	7 00	
John Gerstle, guardian Jos. Gerstle,	169 46	
Town of Foxboro, Mrs. Charles Pond,	100 50	
City of Fall River, Mrs. Amanda Frazier,	56 00	
Town of Blackstone, Sanford Joslin,	10 17	
Town of Uxbridge, William Brooks,	6 32	
		$3,011 50
Appropriation,	$1,400 00	
Exceeded appropriation,	447 39	
		1,847 39
		$4,858 89

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses at Town Farm,	$3965 77	
Outside aid,	884 01	
Incidentals,	9 11	
		$4,858 89
Amount expended,	$1,847 39	
Appropriation,	1,400 00	
Exceeded,		$447 39
Amount due Town Farm last year,	$115 75	
" " this year,	10 00	
" from other cities and towns,	197 50	
		323 25
Actual amount expended beyond resources,		$124 14

STATEMENT OF THE CATTLE.

Appraised Feb. 5, 1898,	$930 00	
" Jan. 27, 1897,	385 00	
Gain,		$545 00
Milk sold,	$1,385 94	
Stock sold,	284 50	
Beef sold,	38 54	
Hides sold,	6 27	

Calves sold,	$ 5 12	
Bull service,	5 00	
Due from cattle commissioner,	10 00	
		$1,735 37
Stock bought,	$880 24	
Amount due E. K. Ray on cows,	217 26	
Bull service,	2 00	
Grain,	499 68	
		1,599 18
		$136 19
Add gain in appraisal,		545 00
		$681 19

As there had been a loss by disease in the cattle, we wished to prevent this as far as possible, and to put nothing but healthy cattle in the new barn, we requested the cattle commissioner to test the whole herd. They found four all right. We then had an offer from Mr. E. K. Ray to make milk from tested cows at a straight price without any surplus. We bought 14 cows at $62, of him, paying $168 down, and one half of milk money to go on that account. There is $217.26 due on them, which will soon be paid. Since Aug. 13 the milk has been from tested cows.

From Aug. 13 to Feb. 1, 3584 cans at 26c,	$931 84
Less grain,	308 46
	$623 38

From Feb. 1 to Aug. 13, averaged to carry about 10½ cans.
From Aug. 13 to Feb. 1, 1898, averaged to carry about 21 cans.
10½ cans more at 2c per can 171 days, $35.91.
Surplus averaged about $2\frac{3}{10}$c per can to Aug. 13th.
Difference without surplus 3584 cans at $2\frac{3}{10}$ $82.43.

Gain in cartage since Aug. 13,	$35 91	
" no surplus since Aug. 13,	82 43	
		$118 34

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
HENRY W. PICKERING,
Overseers of Bellingham.

I find the Overseers' report correct.

E. B. STOWE,
Auditor.

Report of the Building Committee of the Cow Stable.

At the annual town meeting held March, 1897, it was voted to build a cow stable, and $700 was raised for that purpose, and the Overseers of the Poor were chosen a committee to act on the same.

The net expense of this building above the cellar was $557.72. In order to complete the cellar and properly cement it, it was necessary to go to the expense of $233.95, which exceeds the appropriation $91.67.

EXPENSE OF COW STABLE.

Z. C. Field, lumber,	$145 34		
Monroe Smith, carpenter,	145 00		
O. L. Bullard, lumber,	72 88		
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., roofing,	60 00		
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware,	36 92		
Francis Metcalf, sawing, etc.,	35 78		
Carlisle Avery & Co., windows,	25 55		
Eldredge & Beattey, paint,	14 83		
Walter Scott, stanchions,	13 50		
J. E. Camp, lumber,	6 05		
George Whitney, drawing plan,	5 00		
Freight on roofing and stanchions,	4 16		
S. A. Simpson, freight on windows,	1 68		
T. E. Morse, oil, etc.,	1 65		
Waldo Bros., paint,	1 25		
		$569 59	
Clapboards sold,	$5 72		
Paint and oil sold,	6 15		
		11 87	
			$557 72
Cellar and mason work:—			
H. A. Barney, lime and cement,		$57 10	
James Munroe, mason work,		63 00	

Gideon Boulanger, labor,		$20 43		
Henry Therieu, "		15 00		
John Heroux, "		9 00		
Nei Tardis, "		7 87		
Ledger Carpenter, "		6 00		
S. A. Simpson, labor,	$ 4 50			
J. Gibson, labor,	3 00			
Frenchman, labor,	1 25			
		8 75		
			$67 05	
Nei Tardis, stone work, etc.,			46 80	
				$233 95
				$791 67
Appropriation,				700 00
Exceeded appropriation,				$91 67

CARROLL E. WHITE,
OTTO L. BULLARD,
HENRY W. PICKERING,
Committee.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount to collect,		$11,549 85
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1898,	$7,288 76	
Interest collected, "	21 68	
Whole amount collected Feb. 1, 1898,		$7,310 44
Balance to collect Feb. 1, 1898,	$4,261 09	
Interest to Feb.1,1898,on uncollected taxes,	63 91	
		$4,325 00

J. E. CAMP,
Collector.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Total valuation,	$742,335 00
Personal,	$133,550 00
Real,	$608,785 00
Number of polls,	393
Number of horses,	282
Number of cows,	451
Number of swine,	34
Number dwelling houses,	327½
Number acres of land,	11,027
Number of fowls,	1,890
Rate of tax per $1,000,	$14 50

S. BURR,
O. C. RHODES,
J. E. CAMP,
Assessors of Bellingham.

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

The Trustees of the Bellingham free public library present the following report for the past year:—

The board met March 22 and organized with the following board of officers: Henry A. Whitney chairman, Mrs. Alice A. Burr secretary and treasurer, Miss Sara T. Rockwood librarian, Mrs. Mary Metcalf and Mrs. Olive Cook purchasing committee. In the purchasing of books it has been the aim of the committee as far as possible to meet the demands of all, and this year we are pleased to find the demand for books of history and travel has increased especially among the younger portion of readers. We also consider we have been fortunate in securing a place for the distribution of books at North Bellingham with Mrs. George E. Hawes.

The library having increased in size, the Trustees thought it advisable to put an insurance on it, which was done, for the sum of $500, covering books and fixtures while in the building where now situated. The Trustees have to figure economy in expenses to have surplus for books, and they feel they have done good work in that line, when we compare expenses with some other towns with much larger appropriations than we have; for instance, when a town appropriates $500, and uses only $114 for books, the rest for running expenses. We earnestly hope the time is not far distant when we can have a larger appropriation for the library than we have at present.

There have been added to the library,	158 vols.
Donated,	16
Now in library in circulation,	741
Number of patrons,	157

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
MRS. OLIVE COOK,
MISS SARA T. ROCKWOOD,
MRS. ALICE A. BURR,
MRS. MARY METCALF,
WESLEY HOWES,

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The library contains 741 volumes; has been opened 98 times during the year. Total circulation of books for the year ending February 1, 1898, was 1960: Biography 31, fiction 1730, history 95, miscellaneous 35, poetry 25, science 14, travels 32.

S. T. ROCKWOOD,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 1, 1897,	$2 31	
Received from town,	75 00	
Received from fines,	5 72	
Received from sale of catalogues and slips,	86	
		$83 89

Expenditures.

Librarian,	$20 00	
New books,	49 13	
Printing supplementary catalogues,	4 00	
Supplies,	30	
Freight on books,	35	
Insurance on books and fixtures,	3 75	
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1898,	6 36	
		$83 89

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALICE A. BURR,
Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1897.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. Billings, Printer, Gazette Office.
1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1897.

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman,	Term expires	1899.
CARROLL E. WHITE,	" "	1898.
J. HORTON HOWARD, Secretary,	" "	1900.

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

The Constables of the Town,
The Superintendent of Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bellingham:—

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted.

The Committee organized with Henry W. Pickering chairman, and J. Horton Howard secretary. On the 28th of April the joint committee of the three towns, Bellingham, Hopedale, and Mendon, which form the school district, met in Mendon and re-elected Elmer E. Sherman Superintendent of Schools.

The plan of placing our schools in charge of a Superintendent has now been tried for four years, and the Committee recommend that this policy be continued.

Owing to the small number of pupils attending the Beaver Pond and Quinobequin schools, the Committee considered it advisable to close the two schools for the present, and transport the pupils to the Centre. It was not a matter of consolidation, but one of the principal points was that pupils would be given the same advantages as those in the other schools of coming under better teachers and discipline, thereby gaining more knowledge. And the next point to be considered is a saving in the expenses, as we could not employ accomplished teachers for those schools at the salaries that had been paid.

The Committee obtained a suitable and comfortable conveyance of the Overseers of the Poor to transport the pupils of those two schools to and from the Center schools, at an expense of ten dollars a week, which is five dollars a week for each.

We would refer you to the report of the Superintendent for the condition and progress of the schools, which report we unanimously endorse.

The salary of the Superintendent has been paid from the appropriation for town officers. The law requires that this appropriation be made under the school department. We therefore recommend that the Superintendent's salary come under the school department, and be added to the school ap-

propriation, and taken from the appropriation for town officers.

We recommend that the town raise and appropriate for school purposes the same as last year, viz.: the sum of thirty-six hundred and fifty dollars ($3650) which includes the Superintendent's salary (which is required by law), to be expended for the following: Superintendent's salary, teaching, care, books, supplies, incidentals, fuel, transportation, and tuition.

It will be seen by referring to the financial statement that the expenditures have not exceeded the receipts. The income from the state school fund and the dog tax was $92.27 more this year than last year.

The following facts will explain why your Committee have $228.16 unexpended. Three schools have been closed one week on the account of sickness, (which will have to be made up the coming year,) which amounts to about $36, and by adding the $92.27 received from the state fund and dog tax, more than was expected, would leave about $100 unexpended.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Resources.

Town appropriation,	$3,400 00	
Income of state school fund,	441 70	
Income of Superintendent's account,	166 67	
Income of school bank and surplus revenue,	165 00	
Dog tax,	213 34	
		$4,386 71

Expenditures.

Teachers and care of schoolhouses,	$2,849 95	
Books, supplies and incidentals,	335 73	
Fuel,	261 62	
Tuition,	194 25	
Transportation,	517 00	
		$4,158 55
Unexpended,		$228 16

Superintendent's Account.

Received from state,	$416 67	
From appropriation for town officers,	250 00	
		$666 67

Paid Superintendent,		500 00
Carried to resources,		$166 67

Net expense to town for Superintendent, $83.33.

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Teachers' Wages.

Paid Marion R. Winkley,	$375 00	
Mary A. Billings,	346 50	
Hannah L. Dougherty,	165 50	
Emily F. Ball,	328 00	
Nettie J. McEwen,	47 50	
Katherine F. Allen,	311 50	
Helen E. Richardson,	72 00	
Carrie E. Daniels,	141 50	
Amy A. Lapham,	35 00	
Mary E. Richards,	35 00	
Eva B. Day,	252 00	
Leonora F. Howe,	72 00	
L. May Huntley,	180 00	
Harriet L. Weston,	126 00	
Annie R. Wyer,	140 00	
Frances B. M. Willgoose,	40 00	
Lillian G. Runnells,	36 00	
		$2,703 50

Transportation.

Paid W. A. Burr,	$105 00	
Overseers of the Poor,	310 00	
C. B. Tupper,	102 00	
		$517 00

Care of School Buildings.

Paid janitors,	$136 55	
H. W. Pickering,	2 00	
W. P. Greenwood,	2 40	
Roy Mathews,	1 75	
Mrs. Gay,	3 75	
		$146 45

Fuel.

Paid L. F. Thayer, wood and coal,	$194 57	
J. E. Camp, wood,	4 00	
N. E. Coal Co., coal,	6 30	
Waldo White, cutting wood,	2 00	
H. W. Pickering, wood,	7 00	
J. A. Simpson, wood,	14 00	
W. L. Crooks, wood,	10 25	
O. L. Bullard, wood,	1 00	
W. L. Palmer, coal,	19 50	
Ray Woolen Co., coal,	3 00	
		$261 62

Tuition.

Town of Franklin, Jennie F. Cook,	$27 00	
Susan E. Thayer,	18 00	
Alice M. Paul,	27 00	
Harriet M. Sullivan,	11 25	
Elsie V. Trask,	27 00	
Ruby M. Wales,	9 00	
Town of Medway, Pearl Grant,	30 00	
Annie Stowe,	18 00	
Annie Bullard,	12 00	
City of Woonsocket, Arthur A. Woodbury,	15 00	
		$194 25

Text-Books.

Paid University Publishing Co.,	$18 60	
Ginn & Co.,	53 94	
Morse & Co.,	10 80	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	3 17	
American Book Co.,	12 48	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	9 56	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	1 20	
		$109 75

Supplies.

Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	$124 80	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	5 00	
		$129 80

Incidentals.

Paid G. Darling & Son, step ladder,	$ 1	25
Thos. Groom & Co., order book,	12	00
H. W. Pickering, repairing clock,	1	00
H. W. Pickering, cleaning,	1	35
E. E. Sherman, freight, etc.,	3	34
" " traveling expenses,	2	00
" " expressage, etc.,	3	07
" " traveling expenses and envelopes,	6	68
E. E. Sherman, expressage, etc.,	2	24
" " freight and traveling expenses,	2	76
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co., desks,	8	70
Cleveland P. & P., diploma,	1	25
J. L. Hammett & Co., brushes, etc.,	6	50
Mrs. A. H. Trask, cleaning,	1	50
J. H. Howard, labor cleaning,	3	55
James Graves, cleaning,	1	05
Avery & Woodbury, shades,	7	80
G. M. Billings, printing,	3	75
L. F. Thayer, coal hod, shovel, etc.,	4	80
W. P. Greenwood, labor on stoves, etc.,	3	25
Clark Ellis & Sons, rope,		95
Elbridge Grant, brooms and brushes,	3	15
R. C. Eldridge, repairing clocks,	1	50
W. P. Greenwood, stove grates and lining,	4	74
Avery & Woodbury, window shades,	3	00
John McCarthy, ash box,	5	00
		$96 18

HENRY W. PICKERING,
J. HORTON HOWARD,
CARROLL E. WHITE,
School Committee.

I have examined the School Committee's report and find it correct. E. B. STOWE, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Bellingham.

Gentlemen:—The fourth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The Committee organized with Henry W. Pickering chairman, and J. Horton Howard, secretary. The care of school property was assigned as follows: Caryville and North, J. Horton Howard; Centre, Carroll E. White; Chilson and City, Henry W. Pickering.

The table of statistics for 1897, printed in this report, is encouraging. The following facts expressed in round numbers are taken from it:—

Average membership of all the schools,	262
Average attendance,	245
Per cent of attendance,	93+
Cases of tardiness,	242
Number of dismissals from schools,	238

The report for 1894 records the same total enrolment as 1897, but the per cent of attendance in 1894 was only 91+, and the number of tardy marks 408.

The gain in attendance in 1897 over 1894 is equal to the schooling of 46 children for the entire year, which in 1894 was lost through irregular attendance. In other words, the town paid in 1894 for the instruction of 46 children who did not receive a day of it; the past year these 46 children were in school every day and received the benefit of the money expended by the town.

The number of tardy marks is reduced nearly one half, a source of gratification to all. The schools in the South building at Crooks' corner and those at the North and Caryville deserve honorable mention for their punctuality. The South building, with about 60 children, first eight grades, had no

tardy mark from January to the close of school in June, and but three for the entire year. The North Primary, 40 children, had no tardy mark during the fall term of 14 weeks. The Chilson school, 15 children, has the highest attendance, 96½ per cent, for the year. These facts indicate the interest of children and parents in the schools, an interest largely due to the faithful, excellent work of the teachers. Bellingham pays a little more for her teachers than formerly, and no better investment can be made than the expenditure necessary to obtain and to keep good teachers.

In 1895 I recommended, "that the town seek to place its schools in three buildings, located at the northern, central, and southern portions of the town." Since then much has been accomplished towards that end. The Wilcox school was closed last year, the building sold, and the pupils transported to the South school, to the ultimate satisfaction of all. At the first meeting this year the school board voted to close the Beaver Pond and Quinobequin schools and to transport the children to the Centre. An arrangement was made with the poor department whereby the superintendent of the town farm, Mr. J. A. Simpson, was engaged to transport the pupils of those districts to and from the Center school at ten dollars a week. As none of this money goes to Mr. Simpson, but to the poor department, the town is really doing its own transportation from that section—about as economical an arrangement as could well be. In addition to those entitled to ride, accommodation has been made for several to attend the high school.

In this connection it may be well to suggest a better arrangement for grading the schools at the Center. Before the high school was opened there was but one school containing eight grades. Now there are two schools with three grades in the upper room and five grades in the lower room. The upper room has registered 28 pupils this year. We cannot increase the number of grades in this room and still do the two years of high school work, as the law requires. It is probable that the number of grades in the lower room may increase to seven, too many for good work. It must be borne in mind that the number of grades at the Center has not been

increased by the dozen pupils from Beaver Pond and Quinobequin; the classes are only larger.

The Center has not at present nor has it had for many years equal advantages in the matter of grading with those now enjoyed at the North and South schools. If another room could be opened at the center without increasing the number of schools, it can be easily seen that great good would accrue to all, and without greatly increased expense. There is a suitable room in the Town Hall which might be used for this purpose.

Transportation of School Children.

The Committee have endeavored to furnish safe and comfortable transportation. Several questions have been asked concerning the authority of the School Committee in the matter of transportation. The following extract from the 59th report of the secretary of the State Board may serve to explain the position of the school committee.

"It [the School Committee] has exclusive and absolute charge of the settlement of all details about transportation after it has once been authorized by vote of the town. Whatever the Committee does, it is always under statutory obligation to provide convenient schooling for every eligible child. Schooling is made convenient by locating the schoolhouse near the child or transporting the child to the schoolhouse. What is a reasonable walking distance the Committee must decide for itself; * * * little children should not be made to walk much over a mile, although older children of grammar-school age may walk a mile and a half or even more. * * * Transportation should not be used to reduce sturdiness, self-reliance and reasonable self-denial in boys and girls. It cannot be made equally convenient for all families."

School Work.

It gives me pleasure to record the progress of the schools during the year just closed. The plans laid a few years ago are beginning to show results in better work by the children because of better preparation in the grades below. There have been few schools disturbed by changes in teachers, and

our teaching corps has shown great enthusiasm and intelligent effort towards the study and training of children. The attendance and interest on the part of the children have resulted in a decided growth towards better things. The great majority of the children are stronger in mind and in character than they were a year ago. The teachers have striven, often under adverse circumstances, to attend to the heating and ventilation of their schoolrooms, and to gymnastics and other measures looking towards the bodily health of their charges.

In the general work much improvement has been made. In the teaching of arithmetic, especially in the lower grades, greater thoroughness in the fundamental processes, and a continuation of mental problem work into the higher grades has been insisted upon.

A return to the old method of oral spelling, dividing into syllables and pronouncing, has been made. The written spelling has not been dropped; it only shares the time with the oral work.

A new series of vertical writing-books, published by Ginn & Co., has been adopted with good results. The vertical penmanship is recognized by the business world as a good thing. No writing with pen or pencil is required from the first year children. The forms of the letters are learned at the blackboard. During the second year the little folks begin with pen and ink, using the muscular movement, so called. Much attention is paid to movement in the earlier years.

A syllabus in natural science, or nature study, has been prepared. The children are interested in the rocks and stones, the plant and animal life, all around them. The work is correlated with the language and drawing. It is just as easy for a child to write a composition upon the appearance, habits and life history of a butterfly, a cornstalk, or a toad which he has observed for himself, taken notes upon, and read about, as it is to write upon "Vacation," "Spring," "The Beauties of Hope," "The Plea of the Muses," etc. He sees more beauty in nature after he has studied form and color and sketched those natural objects which he has studied, or matched the colors in a flower or a piece of bark with his bits of colored paper. When

he walks abroad he has something to see and think about, and mean thoughts are crowded out. He is not like Goldsmith's character to whom

> "A primrose by the river's brim,
> A yellow primrose was to him;
> And—it was nothing more."

Some Things that Interfere with Good Work in School.

Illness is the only excuse for occasional absence from school which the state recognizes as valid. The public schools are supported by the town and the state, and the government claims in return the presence of the children in school. While most parents comply with the law in the main and would send their children to school if there were no compulsion about it, many there are who thoughtlessly interfere with the regular work of the child in school by keeping him out on trivial excuses for a few hours or a day or two every now and then. The work of each class is carefully planned and moves forward day by day. No child can be absent from a single recitation without losing something which he ought to have, and which he cannot "make up."

Again, promptness and regularity in business matters are essential to success. School is the child's business, and he should be trained to habits of regular and punctual attendance as a basis for future activity in larger fields. Let me urge upon parents and teachers a closer attention to this matter, that dismissals, tardiness, and absences from school may occur rarely, and only when an absolute necessity exists therefor.

Lack of home study is a cause for failure in the upper grades. A short time should be devoted to study at home each day by children of good health in the grammar and high school grades, and the time should increase with the advance in age and grade. Only in this way can the best results be obtained from the course in school.

Another custom which seriously interferes with good work in school is the participation by children in the amusements of adults, especially in the evening. Nature demands for growing children plenty of sleep, simple food, and simple

pleasures. Evening entertainments furnish none of these, and nature expresses the outrage in disordered nerves and low physical and mental tone. It is easy to perceive when some "sociable" or other event has occurred the preceding evening, from the restlessness, fatigue and consequent inability to perform the tasks of the day evident in those who have so dissipated. Nor is this evil confined to high school pupils, but extends to all ages, primary children included.

The massing of population in New England, and especially in Massachusetts, into cities, large towns, and villages, has given rise to a class called in common parlance "hoodlums." Eminent men have been studying this condition and pronounce the existence of such a class in any town a serious menace to the morals and happiness of the community. Investigation has revealed that many of the perpetrators of the horrible murders and revolting crimes which have shocked New England during the last few years received their first lessons among the rowdies of some town or village. Nor is this class drawn entirely from the meaner and less intelligent among the community, for, if unrestrained, it often recruits its ranks from the children of respectable families. When a boy or girl comes under this baleful influence the tasks and pleasures of school and home become irksome and tame, false standards of life and morals are set up, evil habits are begun, and the efforts of teachers and of parents are often unavailing to check the downward course, and he or she becomes a dangerous person, or at best but a drone instead of an active, useful member of society. Many cities and towns of the middle and western states have a regulation known as the "curfew law" which reads something as follows: "No person under the age of sixteen years shall be upon the street after eight o'clock in the evening unless accompanied by parent or guardian." This may sound like paternalism to some, but sensible parents intend to know where their children are, and what they are doing.

To the young person who has resources for employment and amusement within himself the duties of school are met with zest and delight. Ideals rise before him of a noble and

useful career, and ambition urges him to make much of the opportunities which are his for self-improvement and preparation. It is physical, mental and moral health which we desire for our children.

Method of Promotions.

The question is frequently asked, "On what basis do you promote children from one grade to the next?" The answer in a single statement is, "On the basis of the child's daily work." The method is as follows: The teacher keeps a careful record of the child's daily, oral and written work in each subject studied. These estimates are entered, in blank forms furnished for the purpose, at least once a week throughout the year. These blanks are preserved and the succeeding teacher has a record of the child's work in the preceding grades. Notes are also made upon the child's natural tendencies, disposition, and general deportment. The written work consists of exercises and answers to review questions given at convenient places in the subject. Twice a year the Superintendent gives a written review. These count for no more than a similar test given by the teacher. They serve to indicate to the teachers some general lines upon which he wishes them to work, and to reveal some of the weak places which otherwise might escape the teachers' notice. At the close of the year in June these estimates are averaged, and provided seven tenths of the work has been accomplished by the child, and the teacher and Superintendent think he has sufficient power to do the work of the next grade, he is marked "satisfactory" on the year's work. In addition to the above, individual children are changed at any convenient time during the year, either to the the grade above or below, whenever it is evident that the child in question is doing work unsuited to him either from its ease or its difficulty. This occurs in cases of undue promotion, or when through previous absence from school the pupil has reached a maturity which will enable him to do the work of the next grade, or unusual natural ability places the child ahead of others of his age. In the last instance it can be rarely done without forcing and consequent injury to the child's

physical and mental welfare. In order to be eligible for an extra promotion the child must be able to average "excellent" in the daily work of the grade from which he is to be promoted.

Teachers' Meetings.

A meeting of all the teachers in the district was held in Hopedale Oct. 22, 1897. An exhibit of school work was made, and the teachers and friends were addressed by several speakers of note. Teachers' meetings have been held regularly at which directions for the work have been given and educational questions and methods discussed. A few friends have availed themselves of the invitation to be present and take part in the proceedings. They were cordially welcome and we should like to see their numbers increase. Parents are especially invited.

In closing, I wish to thank the committee for their hearty co-operation and support, and to express my appreciation of the faithful work done by the teachers, and to acknowledge the many words of encouragement received from parents and friends of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SHERMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

EDUCATIONAL LAWS IN BRIEF.

All children between 8 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, must attend the public school 30 weeks each school year. They must begin with the first month of the fall term. Two weeks' absence is allowed. Penalty for each five days' excess, except for sickness, $20.

No child under 13 can be employed "at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment."

No child between 13 and 14 can be employed until he has attended school 30 weeks of the school year, nor without a certificate to that effect.

No child under 16 can be employed without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools.

A child under 14 must present an employment ticket on applying for a certificate.

The father, if living and a resident, must accompany the child to sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither father nor mother, the guardian.

Proof of correct age must be furnished, if the age certificate does not agree with the school census.

Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of small-pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever. Two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of the patient the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or board of health.

"The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

STATISTICS.

January 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898.

SCHOOLS.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Half Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Cases of Truancy.	Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Others.
Caryville Primary.	37.94	34.49	90.90	1174	11	23	1	2	15	25
North Primary.	41.90	39.44	94.10	867	19	11	1	3	15	38
North Grammar.	38.37	36.07	94.00	782	10	38	0	11	18	32
Massey.	37.25	35.15	94.37	849	67	48	0	4	15	65
High-Grammar.	28.96	27.24	94.05	586	99	39	0	0	28	35
Chilson.	14.19	13.69	96.45	171	27	24	0	0	12	42
City Primary.	30.15	27.65	91.69	827	2	0	0	0	11	75
City Grammar.	18.59	17.53	94.23	352	1	44	0	0	12	91
Quinobequin (9 weeks).	6.95	6.04	86.90	82	2	2	1	1	3	4
Beaver Pond (9 weeks).	7.66	7.31	95.36	32	4	9	0	0	3	6
Totals.	261.96	244.61	93.38	5722	242	238	3	21	132	413

Total enrolment of all schools,	301
Number under 5 years of age,	0
Number between 5 and 8,	94
Number between 8 and 14,	169
Number over 15,	12
Number of children in town between 5 and 15, May 1, 1897,	242
Number of children in town between 8 and 14, May 1, 1897,	150

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.—December, 1897.

TEACHERS.	WHERE FITTED.	SCHOOL.	W'kly Salary.
Marion R. Winkley.	Bridgewater Normal.	High.	$11 00
Mary A. Billings.	Dean Academy.	South Primary.	10 50
L. May Huntley.	Westfield Normal.	North Grammar.	10 00
Emily F. Ball.	Ashland High.	Caryville Primary.	10 00
Katherine F. Allen.	Woonsocket High.	South Grammar.	9 50
Eva B. Day.	Palmer High.	North Primary.	9 00
Harriet L. Weston.	Salem Normal.	Massey.	9 00
Annie R. Wyer.	Woburn Training School.	Chilson.	8 00

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1898-99.

	SPRING TERM. 11 weeks.		FALL TERM. 14 weeks.		WINTER TERM. 10 weeks.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
First Eight Grades.	Mar. 28.	June 10.	Sept. 12.	Dec. 16.	Jan. 2, '99.	Mar. 10, '99
High School, 40 weeks.	April 11.	June 24.	Sept. 6.	Dec. 23.	Jan. 2, '99.	Mar. 31, '99

Holidays during the terms:—

Labor Day, Sept. 5; Thanksgiving Day and the day following; Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22; Patriots' Day, April 19.

Course of Study in the Bellingham High School.

FIRST YEAR.

Quarter.*	A.	B.	C.	D.
1.	Latin 5.†	Algebra 4.	General History 4.	English Grammar.
2.	"	"	"	"
3.	"	"	"	Arithmetic 5.
4.	"	"	"	"

SECOND YEAR.

1.	Latin 5.	Geometry 4.	Rhetoric 4.	Bookkeeping 5.
2.	"	"	American Literature 4.	"
3.	"	"	English Literature 4.	Commercial Law 5.
4.	"	"	"	Civil Polity 5.

A, B, and C form the Academic Course.

B, C, and D form the Business Course.

One lesson a week is required of all pupils in each of the following studies: Drawing, Rhetoricals, and News of the Day.

General Exercises include lessons in review of Grammar School Studies, Temperance, Natural Science, and Gymnastics.

*The High School year consists of forty weeks, divided into quarters of ten weeks each.

†The figure following a subject indicates the number of recitation periods a week in that subject.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified:—

THREE YEARS.

Edith A. Maxcy—North Grammar.

TWO YEARS.

Michael Kennelly—North Grammar.
Ada M. Trask, Caroline Trask—Chilson.
Bertha M. Whipple—South Grammar.

ONE YEAR.

Vera L. Billings, Bertha A. Keyes, Helen L. Thompson, Eugene W. Trask, Elwyn C. Thayer—High.
George Tingley—Caryville.
William Bellan, Cynthia Pickering—North Grammar.
Selina Burns—North Primary.
Vestella M. Burr—South Grammar.
Mary J. McCarthy—South Primary.

WINTER TERM.

Phœbe Paul, Melvina Paul, Elmer Camp—Caryville.
Ernest Camp, William Grant—North Grammar.
Delia Macy, Myrtle R. Grant, Ethel Maxcy, Michael Kennedy—North Primary.
Lottie Gay—Massey.
James A. Monroe—High.
Amy Aldrich, Weston Aldrich, Annie Phillips, Bertha Phillips, John Peterson, Ella Unwin—Chilson.
Bertha W. Pickering, Esther D. Staples, Pansy L. Usher, Harold W. Speakman, Waldo I. Cook—South Grammar.

Grace L. McCarthy, Mabel L. Whipple, Mary Dion, Lora Garneau, Maud Usher, Henry Dion—South Primary.

Roland E. A. Bates, Linda M. Bates, Daniel H. Bates—Beaver Pond.

SPRING TERM.

Lizzie Bigwood, Hattie Miett, Bertha Nugent, Phœbe Paul, Melvina Paul, Sarah Taylor, Harry Camp, Elmer Camp, Fred Grant, John Kane, Joseph O'Keefe, Earl Tingley, Bristow Nugent, Bert Charleton—Caryville.

Mary Desmond, Mary Macy, Mary Ryan, Ethel Tingley, Chester Adams, James Beach, William Beach, Ernest Camp, George Fitzpatrick, Charles Foley, William Grant—North Grammar.

Martin Kennelly, Fred Foley, William Foley, Mary Desmond, Maria Gendron, Hattie Hawes—North Primary.

Martin Rockwood, Everett Rockwood, William Keith, John Sears, Edna Thayer—Massey.

Roland E. Bates, Gordon MacMaster, Charles E. Sears—Center Grammar.

Louise MacMaster, Bertha Thayer—High.

Maurice Fitzgerald, May Fitzgerald, Harold Paul, Bertha Phillips, John Peterson, Charles Migneault, Ella Unwin—Chilson.

Henry A. McCarthy, Geneva A. Tupper, Joseph Hoggarth—South Grammar.

Mabel L. Whipple, Maud Usher, Benjamin E. Staples, Eugene Wales, William I. French—South Primary.

FALL TERM.

Bert Charleton, Bristow Nugent, Earl Tingley, Hilda Charleton, Louise Pickering—Caryville.

Chester Adams, Gertrude Evans, James A. Beach, William Bellan, William Grant, Rosella Kennelly, George Fitzpatrick, Mary Macy, Walter Bullard, Henry Foley, Myrtle Grant, James Kennelly, Delia Macy, Maurice Murphy, Joseph Naughton—North Grammar.

Mary Desmond, Fred Foley, George Fitzpatrick, Martin

Kennelly, Michael Kennedy, William Kennedy, Avery Metcalf, Ethel Maxcy, Michael Smith, Burnie Fitzpatrick—North Primary.

Daniel Bates, Lester Osborne, Martin Rockwood, Everett Rockwood, James Simpson, Agnes Sears, Vera Thayer, Grace White, Eugene Barrows—Massey.

Bessie H. Keyes, Leola E. Smith, Delphis Gariepy——High.

Charles E. Sears—Center Grammar.

Amy Aldrich, Annie Phillips—Chilson.

Florence Tupper, Maud Pickering, William Garneau, Fred C. Whipple, Fred Garneau—South Primary.

Henry A. McCarthy, Grace L. McCarthy, Geneva A. Tupper, Joseph Hoggarth—South Grammar.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the seventh day of March, A. D., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers: One Town Clerk for 1 year; 1 Town Treasurer for 1 year; 3 selectmen for 1 year; 1 Overseer of the poor for 3 years; 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years; 3 Assessors for 1 year; 1 Auditor for 1 year; 1 Collector of Taxes for 1 year; 1 School Committee for 3 years; 4 Constables for 1 year; 2 Trustees for Public Library for 3 years; 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years; 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year. Also on same ballot with the above named town officers, to vote on the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?" "Yes" or "No." The polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, schools and transportation of scholars, school books, fixtures and supplies; 2nd, repair of the highways, bridges, railings and guide-boards; 3d, support of poor; 4th, repair of town buildings; 5th, incidental items; 6th, printing; 7th, interest on town debt; 8th, to pay town debt; 9th, to pay town officers; 10th, repairs in cemeteries; 11th, Decoration day; 12th, aid

under Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1890; 13th, public library; 14th, care of tramps.

Article 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised and appropriated shall be collected and paid in to the treasury.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the town will allow any bills that may be presented.

Article 10. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Blackstone line to the cross road leading from the Mendon road to South Main street; also to see if the town will abolish the grade crossing of New England railroad on said Mendon road near said lay out, or act or do anything thereto.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to suppression of tramps, or act thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this fourteenth day of February, A. D., 1898.

RUEL F. THAYER,
ADDISON E. BULLARD,
ORVILLE C. RHODES,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Constable of Bellingham.